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BETHEL, MAINE, THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1917.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

There was a large audience at the morning service last Sunday to listen to a sermon on "The Glorified Christ." The Ladies' Circle will have a Food Sale at the store of Miss L. M. Stearns, Friday, Jan. 12, at 3 P. M.

Rev. Mr. Little was called to Canton to attend two funerals last Monday, and Thursday will go back to attend another.

There was a very interesting meeting of the Social Six, Saturday afternoon, which was held with Mrs. J. S. Burbank. Four new members joined the Club. Refreshments were served and a general good time was enjoyed by all.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Rev. and Mrs. Curtis returned from Boston, Tuesday, all services will be resumed next Sunday.

At the morning service next Sunday the pastor will speak of the Sunday meetings.

Miss Annie Cummings will lead the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting, Tuesday, 8 P. M. 601-15. (A pledge meeting.)

The officers and committees of the Y. P. S. C. E. are as follows: President, Belle Purington; vice-president, Annie Cummings; secretary, Ida Packard; corresponding secretary, Ida Packard; treasurer, Bertha Valentine. Committees: Lookout, Miss Howard, Annie Cummings, Robert Hastings, Social, Blanche Herrick, Belle Purington, William Hastings; Prayer Meeting, Bertha Valentine, Lawrence Kimball, Mae Cross, Ida Packard, Flower and Music, Belle Purington, Blanche Herrick; Missionary, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis.

PIANO RECITAL AT EAST BETHEL.

It was an afternoon of delightful music at Grange Hall, Saturday, Jan. 6, when Mrs. Helen Bean and pupils gave a recital and pleasantly entertained the mothers and other friends with the following very pleasing and artistic program:

Piano Trio—"Yellow Tanager," Johanning.
Helen Bean, Ethel Cole, Edna Bartlett, London Bridge, Lawson.
Claire Swan, Mathews.
March of the Little Engines, Agnes Millett.
Narcissus, Ethel Cole, Nevin.
Selection, Glendon Hutchins.
Piano Duet—"At Full Tilt," A. Van Brail.
Edna Bartlett, Helen Bean.
Pearly Dowdrops, Nancy Millett.
Little Fairy, Myrtle Swan, Streabhog.
Sunder Song, Newcombe.
Nancy and Winola Millett.
Piano Trio—"Trumpet Call," Loeb-Evans.
Claire Swan, Myrtle Swan, Helen Bean.
Selection, Ethel Hutchins.
Horse Race, Mallard.
Winola Millett.
Duet—"Gipsy Dance," Carl Wolf.
Ethel Cole, Helen Bean.

Each selection showed careful and persistent study of the pupils and the pleasant palming care given them by their teacher, Mrs. Bean has thirteen piano pupils, who are very fortunate in having the benefit of her talented instructions.

ENTERTAINMENT AT NORTHWEST BETHEL.

The Northwest Bethel School Improvement League gave a free social and entertainment at the schoolhouse on the evening of Jan. 1. A good program consisting of recitations, readings, songs and dances, both vocal and instrumental, was well rendered, after which a nice treat was served and much made candy sold.

Great interest was taken in the lamp and candles which had been purchased with the proceeds of the first entertainment. They had been put in place and made an attractive note in the school room.

Those in charge of the "candy stand" very quickly reported "all sold" and handed two dollars and eighty-five cents to the treasurer as a result.

Another "good time" will be held in February and all are asked to come and help in the cause of education. As the homes of a nation are its strength, remember it is our rural schools on which these homes depend to keep the facts square, upright and solid.

So you saw it in the Citizen.

GOULD'S ACADEMY

Hazel Keniston is assisting in the West Bethel school this week.

Hazel Keniston spent the week end with Jennie Bean at her home in Albany.

Blanche Herrick substituted in the primary grades last Thursday owing to the illness of the regular teacher.

Among those who visited school last week were: Helen Abbott, Hazel Arno, Vivian Wight, Carroll Valentine, Harold Rich and Virgil Wight.

Mr. Carroll Valentine and Mr. Harold Rich led the Y. M. C. A. meeting last week. They told about college life emphasizing the Y. M. C. A. work in their respective colleges.

Gould's basketball team played the Norway High team at Norway, Friday evening. Although defeated by a score of 30 to 17, the boys played fine basketball and the shooting of fouls by Young is worthy of special mention.

The first regular Y. W. O. A. meeting of the term was held last Wednesday. The meeting was led by Kathryn Hanscom. An interesting feature of the program was the reading of a letter from the Mather School in South Carolina, where the dolls which had been dressed by the girls were sent at Christmas time.

BAND CONCERTS.

The Bethel Band began a series of Sunday afternoon concerts last Sunday at 2:00 o'clock, in the I. O. O. F. building and will give them at intervals during the winter. The public are cordially invited to attend these concerts.

The Band is preparing for a concert and dance to be given some time in February.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The next meeting of the Bethel Parent-Teacher Association will occur on Wednesday evening, Jan. 17. All interested in the betterment of schools are invited to be present.

Miss Ruby Smith gave up her position at West Bethel after two weeks to accept a position in Berlin, N. H.

Both furnaces at the brick building have been repaired recently. The upper furnace was found to be badly burned and they were replaced by new ones. Each furnace was thoroughly cleaned also. It is hoped that the rooms may now be adequately heated.

The Northwest Bethel School Improvement League held a pleasant and profitable meeting recently. Forty-two were present in response to the invitation of Miss Drummond and her pupils. This shows a community interest in educational matters which is very commendable.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that Harry M. Shaw of South Paris has made application to the Maine Board of Examiners for examination for admission to the bar at the session of the Board to be held at Bangor, Maine, on the first Tuesday of February, A. D. 1917.

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BETHEL INN

Happenings of the Week

Mrs. C. N. Rogers of Dedham, Mass., was a week end guest at the Inn, returning home Monday morning.

Friday evening Mr. Fuller entertained at supper Miss True, Miss Pease, Miss Colwell and Mr. Bingham.

Mrs. Colin Carter entertained Miss Eames and Mr. Sherwin at supper, Friday evening, after which bridge was enjoyed.

Mr. E. E. Fogg of Boston was an overnight guest at the Inn last week. He is a brother of the Manager of the Copley-Plaza Hotel in Boston.

Miss Dorothy Worrell of Boston is a guest at the Inn accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Helen Worrell. Miss Worrell is connected with the Butterick Publishing Co.

Straw rides are very popular at the Inn. Guests and their friends enjoyed one on Tuesday evening after which hot chocolate and sandwiches were enjoyed at Mr. Upson's Music Room.

Mr. Ed. V. Sherwin was the guest of Judge Herrick and family at supper, Monday night. Miss Miriam Herrick left for Boston on Tuesday morning. She will be greatly missed by the Inn guests.

The Ladies' Club of the Congregational Church are invited to hold their meeting at Bethel Inn, Thursday afternoon, Jan. 11th, and are requested to bring their needle book and thimble, and be at the Inn by 2:30 P. M.

Among the guests over night the past week were: E. E. Fogg, Boston; C. A. Adams, Portland; J. H. Lane, Portland; G. W. Philo, Boston; Ward H. Rupp, Montreal; Geo. A. Gould, Portland; W. T. Colegrove, Burlington, Vt.; E. M. Coffey, Boston; A. D. Goodrich, Lewiston; W. E. Mayo, Berlin, N. H.; Frank L. Harlow, Gorham, Me.

BLOCK SIGNALS FOR G. T. R. RECOMMEND PUB. UTILITIES
In Decision Rendered Yesterday in the Case of the Fatal Accident at West Bethel on December 24.

The public utilities commission in a decision rendered yesterday in the case of the accident on the Grand Trunk Railway system between West Bethel and Gilead on the night of December 24 last in which five persons lost their lives recommends that the Grand Trunk Railway Company install block signals over not less than one half of its mileage between the Maine-New Hampshire line and Portland during the year 1917 and over the remainder thereof during the year 1918.

The decision says in part: "Regular east-bound freight No. 548 collided with extra west-bound freight No. 708, at a point about half way between West Bethel and Gilead at about 10:30 p. m., December 24, 1916, causing the immediate death of Herman C. Terison, fireman on No. 548, and of Leon C. Corliss, engineer, E. P. Wilder, fireman, and L. B. Pike, brakeman, of Extra No. 708. Engineer Winfield L. Chase of No. 548 received injuries from which he died several days later, never having recovered sufficiently to give his testimony."

"We find Albert S. Wentworth, conductor of freight train No. 548 east directly responsible for this accident; first, through his failure to deliver the train orders to the engineer at Gorham in manner prescribed by the operating rules under which he was working, and, second, through his failure to stop the train promptly when he found that it had run by Gilead without his actually knowing that the meeting train was there."

"Without in any way diminishing or exonerating the culpability of Wentworth—which stands on its own bottom unaided by any other laxities—we now refer to conditions for which the Grand Trunk Railway System is responsible and which ought to be corrected."

"First, as to a 31 order. The operator ought to deliver one copy to the conductor and one to the engineer, each to read his copy back and sign personally. We understand that this has now done on some railroads. Surely it is more important to make delivery of a restricting running order to the engineer than to the conductor, if he is to have it. But it should be possible sufficiently heavy enough. We don't

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LEGISLATURE

Republican Slate Elected

The program for the first week was carried out and the results seem satisfactory so far. The caucuses of Tuesday night were exciting enough as far as the Republicans were concerned, for it took sixteen ballots to elect the attorney general. The other officers came easier.

The nominees of the Republican party were all elected and are as follows: Secretary of State—Frank W. Ball, Dover.

State Treasurer—Joseph W. Simpson, York.

Attorney General—Guy H. Sturgis, Portland.

Commissioner of Agriculture—John A. Roberts, Norway.

Executive Council—Edward P. Goveall of Berwick, George W. Norton of Portland, Frank B. Nichols of Bath, Fred W. Bunker of North Anson, Alvin E. Farnsworth of Brookline, Norman H. Fay of Dexter, Ashley St. Clair of Calais.

SENATE.
President—Taber D. Bailey, Bangor. Secretary—Win. E. Lavy, Augusta. Asst. Secretary—L. Ernest Thorndike, Portland.

Messenger—Chas. H. Lovejoy, Biddeford. Asst. Messenger—J. F. Ashford, Portland.

Folder—Clyde E. Stewart, Augusta. Asst. Folder—Milton C. James, Augusta.

Postmaster—Arthur A. Knight, Gardiner. Doorkeeper—Steven B. Lord, Lebanon.

HOUSE.
Speaker—William L. Honney, Bowdoinham. Clerk—William R. Roiz, Presque Isle.

Asst. Clerk—Edward E. Chase, Bluehill. Messenger—Patrick Hayes, Chelsea. Asst. Messenger—Chandler Hinchins, North Penobscot.

Postmaster—Wm. F. Morrison, Bar Harbor. Mail Carrier—T. M. Rollins, Augusta. First Folder—Joseph H. Dixon, E. Portland.

Second Folder—Howard S. Mitchell, South Portland. Doorkeeper—Chas. H. Ashford, Augusta.

On Thursday Governor-elect Milliken gave a very forceful and able address, outlining some of his policies and especially recommending that too many laws be not enacted. As was expected he expressed himself strongly in favor of the prohibitory law and as favoring an amendment to the constitution which would give the governor power to remove delinquent sheriffs and county attorneys. He also favored a budget system for the State and a mill tax for road construction.

Both branches of the legislature adjourned Friday afternoon until Tuesday afternoon and in the meantime the different committees will be made up so that the appointments will be read Tuesday night or Wednesday.

The Maine National Electors organized Friday and Saturday and cast their ballot on Monday for Hon. Chas. E. Hughes as President of the United States and Hon. Chas. W. Fairbanks as Vice-President. Hon. Beecher Putnam was chosen as messenger to deliver one certificate to the President of the Senate at Washington.

It has been announced that Governor-elect Milliken will not appoint a Superintendent of Schools until after the Legislature adjourns or until he has had time to look the candidates over very carefully.

BENNETT—MORRILL.
The home of Mr. G. D. Morrill at West Bethel was the scene of a quiet wedding on Tuesday evening, January 9, when Mr. Morrill's youngest daughter, Violet, was united in marriage to Clarence M. Bennett, son of the late Robert L. Bennett.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Little and the happy couple went directly to their new home over the street of L. W. Russell Co., which was in readiness for them.

Their many friends wish them much joy.

MEN'S CLUB.
Dr. Twitcheell will speak tonight on "The Salvation Of Our Agriculture." Come and bring a friend with you.

GRANGE NEWS

PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE.

Pleasant Valley Grange, No. 159, West Bethel, held its regular meeting Tuesday evening, Jan. 9. There were 54 members and 6 visitors present. The officers for the year 1917 were installed in a very pleasing manner by R. H. Gates from Paris, assisted by Miss Grace Farwell. After the installation all repaired to the dining room where an oyster supper with cake and coffee had been prepared. Remarks were made for the good of the order by Rev. J. H. Little and R. H. Gates. Song by Helen Howard and Asa Howard. Grange closed in form.

PARIS GRANGE.

Paris Grange met Saturday, Jan. 6, at 11 A. M. The first and second degrees were conferred in the forenoon. After dinner the installation was open to the public. A. E. Morse acted as installing officer assisted by C. A. Frost of Norway and Miss Georgia Haggott of South Paris. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Bro. Morse and his assistants for their services. Mrs. S. C. Jackson in behalf of the members of Paris Grange presented the retiring Master A. M. Byerson with two very pretty rocking chairs as a token of their appreciation for their services. The anniversary of the Grange and the dedication of its hall will be observed Saturday evening, Jan. 13, with an entertainment under the charge of A. P. Stearns, Jr., Jessica Thayer and W. C. Thayer. Next regular meeting will be held Jan. 20 at 1:30 P. M.

FRANKLIN GRANGE.

Franklin Grange held an all day meeting, Saturday, Jan. 6. In the forenoon Bro. J. H. Little of Bethel installed the following officers:

Master—Hanno H. Cushman. Overseer—Dana O. Dudley. Lecturer—Mrs. Martha Barrett. Steward—Claude Cushman. Asst. Steward—Herbert Ring. Treasurer—G. L. Cushman. Secretary—G. W. Q. Parham. Chaplain—Owen Davis. Ceres—Mrs. Fannie Crockett. Pomona—Martha Dudley was elected but unable to be present.

Flora—Mrs. Mina G. Bacon. L. A. Steward—Mrs. Lily Hink. At noon the usual baked bean dinner was served.

In the afternoon the interesting program was as follows: Song, "America," Grange. Reading, Mrs. Emily Felt. Piano Solo, encore, Leola Davis. Recitation, encore, Miss Tracy. Talk about the N. E. M. P. A., G. W. Q. Parham. Duet, Mrs. Annie Davis, Mrs. Bird. Reading, Mrs. Bird. Solo, encore, Mrs. Hemingway. History of Franklin Grange, Master H. H. Cushman. Grange Ode, Rev. J. H. Little. Remarks, G. W. Q. Parham. Closing Thought, the last two stanzas of the Grange Ode by the Grange given at the suggestion of Rev. J. H. Little.

The address by Rev. J. H. Little was very interesting and instructive. It was appreciated very much by the members of Franklin Grange.

BEAR RIVER GRANGE.

Bear River Grange held an all day meeting, Saturday, Jan. 6. It being a public installation, quite a large crowd assembled. At one o'clock dinner was served in the dining hall, after which all passed upstairs to the grange hall.

A. T. Powers, Past Master, then introduced J. H. Martin of Rumford Center Grange as installing officer, assisted by Russell Swan of Alder River Grange. The following program was interspersed during the installation ceremony: Reminiscences of Bear River Grange, A. T. Powers. Reading and encore, Ira Wing. Song, encore, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wight. Reading, Mabel Bailey. Song, encore, P. O. Brink and family. Song, encore, Gladys and Earl Davis. Reading, encore, Julia Bishop. Reading, encore, Sarah Stearns. Reading, encore, Belma Smith. Reading, encore, Ira Wing. Song, "Golden Jubilee," Grange Chorus.

A rising vote of thanks was given Bro. Martin, Swan and Wing. Bro. Martin made a few well chosen remarks. The following officers were installed: W. M.—L. E. Wight. Overseer—Leroy Stearns. Lecturer—Florence Kilgore. Steward—Earl Davis. Asst. Steward—Percy Brink. Chaplain—L. A. Roberts.

MAINE STATE GRANGE.

Maine State Grange held its 43rd session at Bangor. The storm of Saturday, Dec. 16, prevented many members from going, so the attendance was somewhat reduced, but there was a goodly number present at all sessions. The first forenoon was a business meeting and simple, with reports of the several committees. In the afternoon came the annual address by the worthy Master Thompson. Lecturer J. H. Martin's report, Dr. Merrill on Education, Slater Leland on the Good of

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Treasurer—S. P. Davis.
Secretary—C. E. Saunders.
Ceres—Mabel Bailey.
Pomona—Susan Wight.
L. A. Steward—Edna Brink.
Announcement was made of a whist party to be held at the hall, Friday evening for the benefit of the grange. All are cordially invited.

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January Clearance SALE of Our COATS, SUITS and FURS

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NORWAY, MAINE

SUNDAY RIVER.

Weather & Robert went up four miles to their camp in Ketchikan, Saturday, a well matched pair of boys weighing 100 and 110 lbs. and a pair of black weighing 120.

A. G. Hume harvested his ice last week.

C. D. Hume has gone to Bear River to work for Peterson with his horses. Miss Eva Bartlett spent Saturday and Sunday at H. M. Kendall's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Newlin are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son born Dec. 28th.

Otto Lane has finished work for Howard Harty.

J. J. Harty is setting up to the other side of the river.

J. A. Pykney was in Portland at the M. G. Hospital for treatment, Saturday.

Fred Mead is working for J. L. Spence.

Jim Reynolds is working for R. M. Williams.

J. J. Pykney is calling C. D. Hume's ice.

Mr. C. D. Hume, who is using for her boat in Portland, spent Sunday at home.

Ursula Cummings was in this place buying for one day recently.

R. M. Hume has moved his family

into the woods in Ketchikan, where he has a sawing job.

BISBETOWN.

Belle Pencock went to Otisfield last Saturday to make a visit with her aunt and cousin.

Newell Andrews' baby has been very sick and under the doctor's care.

Mr. A. H. Pencock finished working for Harry Brown last Saturday.

Charles Leonard went to see his sister in Otisfield last Sunday, and was accompanied home by his niece.

All of the schools began Monday in Waterford.

P. P. Standley called at A. R. Pencock's last Saturday.

Ram Lebrake was in Norway, last Saturday.

Miss Katie Howe returned to her school, Monday, after spending the week end at her home.

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HANOVER.

Ed Stenens has bought R. P. Davis' farm and will take possession in March, when R. P. Davis will move to his farm in Newry.

P. L. Howe has killed his old horse and hired A. T. Powers' for a few days.

Miss Brainard of the Maine State Library, Augusta, has been in town cataloguing the books in Pierce Library and arranging the card system.

Ray Parker spent the week end at R. P. Davis' and attended the installation of Bear River Grange.

John Morse is cutting timber for L. A. Roberts.

Miss Helen Staples has gone to Bethel.

LOOKER'S MILLS.

Mrs. Calvin Sanborn of Middle Intervale has been visiting her brothers, Charles and Earl Farrington.

Mrs. C. E. Stowell is very ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. King Bartlett were in Norway, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Chisholme of North Brighton are visiting their daughter, Mrs. H. F. Maxlin.

George Baul, one of the engineers in the mill, was quite seriously hurt Sunday, requiring the services of a physician.

Mrs. E. P. Farrington visited her daughter, Mrs. James King, and attended grange at Bryant's Pond, Saturday.

Mrs. C. R. Bartlett is quite ill with the grip.

All officers of the H. S. were re-elected Sunday.

Justice Rob held their regular meeting at the club house, Wednesday evening. Officers were elected as follows: President, Helen Stowell; vice president, Marian McFarland; secretary and treasurer, Bertha Bartlett.

BRYANT'S POND.

The Douglas steam mill at North Woodstock started up for the season's business, Jan. 8. A large amount of pine will be sawed there this winter which is to be shipped to the Berlin Mills Co. Quite an amount of firewood will also be cut into split steps for the millings factory at Bethel.

The annual meeting of Franklin Grange occurred on Saturday, Jan. 6, the regular day for the installation of officers and the harvest dinner. The exercises in the afternoon were public. All of the old officers are leaving for another year. Hiram H. Farnham as Master.

Ursula Cummings and wife of Brattleboro, Vt., have been visiting at the home of James H. Farnham and also with friends at North Woodstock. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are employed in the shoe factory at Brattleboro owned by the Farnham Bros, who are natives of North Paris.

The male members of the Baptist Sunday school were entertained by the pastor at his home, Friday evening. A chess supper was served.

Robert Johnson, Jr., and wife returned to their home in Keene, N. H. Monday.

Mrs. Amanda Perkins Beach, a teacher of 30 years ago in our Woodstock school, is passing the winter in San Francisco, having gone there from Iowa.

Edward Carter of Howe Hill is hauling bark and cord wood from the Beechey lot on Green Hill.

Mrs. Mrs. Sanborn of South Woodstock is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Cora Perkins.

BETHEL and vicinity

Mr. Harry Sawin visited relatives in No. Waterford, Sunday.

Mr. E. S. Kilborn was a business visitor in town, Friday.

Miss Mae Cross visited friends in Locke's Mills, Friday.

Mr. E. C. Park was a business visitor in Portland, Friday.

Miss Jessie Brown returned to Livemore Falls, Saturday.

Mr. H. H. King was a business visitor in South Paris, Friday.

Miss Helen Staples of Hanover is a guest at Mrs. Abbie Dean's.

Mr. H. O. Porter of Norway was a business visitor in town, Tuesday.

Mrs. I. H. Wight and Miss Harriet Merrill were in Lewiston, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hastings were in Portland and Lewiston last week.

The annual installation of Bethel Grange will be held Thursday, Jan. 11.

Mrs. Delilah Couray was the guest of Mrs. Ralph King at Locke's Mills, Friday.

Mrs. Chas. Bean and daughter, Lilian, from Sunday River were in town, Sunday.

Mr. John Swan has gone to East Bethel for a few days to work for Z. W. Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jordan spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Elmon Jordan at Mechanic Falls.

Mrs. C. L. Davis was in Norway, Thursday, to attend the installation of officers of the Relief Corps.

Mrs. I. H. Wight and Mrs. F. L. Edwards attended the play, "Daddy Long Legs," at Berlin last week.

Mr. Little was at Bryant's Pond, Saturday, on business and installed the officers of Franklin Grange.

Dr. Geo. M. Twitchell will address the Bethel Men's Club at their regular meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Mrs. Lawrence Lavorgna has returned home after spending a few days with her parents in Hartford.

Misses Florence and Frances Carter have returned to Portland after spending a few weeks at their home.

Mrs. Fred Philbrook is spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Cummings, in Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson of Auburn were week end guests of Mrs. Ferguson's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Chandler.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Curtis and Rev. T. C. Chapman have returned home from Boston, where they have been spending several days.

Mrs. Henry Austin and son, Charles, were week end guests of Mrs. Austin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard, at Sebaste, N. H.

The annual installation of Brown Relief Corps will be held this Wednesday evening, Jan. 10, with Miss Alice Willis as installing officer.

Miss Dorothy Beaton has returned to her home in Greenwich, Conn., after spending a few weeks with Mrs. Ella Carter and family.

The date of the Willard section entertainment to be held at the Methodist Church on February 2, has been changed to February 4.

Miss Alice Kimball returned to Dorchester, Mass., Saturday, after spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kimball.

Mrs. W. H. Young went to Norway last Thursday to spend the week end with relatives and also attended the installation of the Relief Corps.

There will be a joint installation of the Bethel and Old Fellows, Monday evening, Jan. 15. All Old Fellows and Bethel and their families are invited.

Mrs. Ray Brown and two children have returned to their home in Berlin, N. H., after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Killings.

Master Irving Stirling, Jr., who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Farrington, returned to his home in Yarmouth, Saturday. Mrs. F. E. Farrington accompanied him, returning home, Monday.

Your Grocery Bill

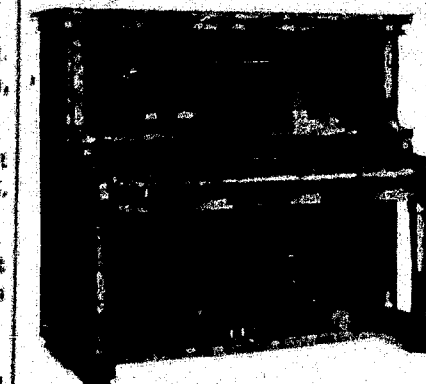
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Mr. Eli Stearns is sending away a car of apples.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody occupy a rent in Miss Susie Plaford's house.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Horace Andrews, Tuesday, Jan. 16, at three o'clock.

Miss Julia Carter spent last week in Portland as the guest of her sisters, Misses Florence and Frances Carter.

The Ladies' Club will meet Thursday afternoon at 2:30 at Bethel Inn with Mrs. Cilley. Ladies please come prepared to sew for the soldiers.

Mrs. Churchill, who is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Davis Lovejoy, had the misfortune to fall and break her hip, Saturday. She is resting as comfortably as could be expected.

Word has been received of the marriage of Percy Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor to Miss Lois Dyer of Portland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Dyer on January 1. They will reside at 840 Congress St., Portland.

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brick and stone of city buildings, country roads are often bad, the distances between house and house are long and the only means of fire-fighting are an inadequate little hand engine and a corps of zealous but inexperienced volunteer firemen.

Prevention is, of course, the best kind of protection. Eighty-five per cent of the fires that daily destroy homes and lives could have been prevented by a little caution. Houses that are wholly fireproof are expensive to build but any frame building can be made partially fireproof at small cost.

Nearly all fires that start outside the house are caused by sparks falling from the chimney upon the dry shingles of the roof. There are numerous composition roofing materials that are fireproof. Metal lath instead of the ordinary wooden strips is very little more expensive and will practically prevent the spread of a fire from one room to another inside the house. The manufacturers of the different brands of plaster boards say that that material is fifteen per cent more fireproof than plaster and lath, and some kinds of house paint claim fireproofing qualities. But without using any of these means of protection the suburbanite can do much to prevent a fire in his home.

The handy little matches we strike easily and carelessly to-day are probably responsible for most of our destructive fires. Small prying fingers, the sharp teeth of an inquiring rodent, the sun's rays shining through a reading glass or a pair of grandmother's spectacles—any of these may start a serious fire with matches. The farmer who carries a handful of matches in his pockets to light his pipe is likely to watch his barn burn to the ground some day. He stops to pick up something from the barn floor, a match falls from his pocket, the horse steps on it with his iron-shod foot and the damage is done!

There is only one member of the match family that is safe to have about the house and that is the safety match that cannot be lighted except by scratching it on the side of its box. Even these should be kept in metal boxes, out of the children's reach, and should be completely extinguished after use.

Many country homes are lighted with kerosene lamps and this means of illumination is as safe as any if the lamps are cared for properly. But housewives do not have a wholesome respect for kerosene oil. They use it to heat the kitchen fire so that Tommy will not be late to school, they keep their lamps on a shelf above the kitchen stove and they fill lamps that are already lighted.

Five cents worth of gasoline mixed with air contains enough energy to blow a house to pieces. Kerosene is only a little less volatile and explosive. It should be kept securely corked in a place where there is good ventilation.

A good housewife takes pride in keeping her lamp chimneys clear and bright but it is more important for the safety of her family that the oil bowls and the burners should be kept clean. She should wash the burners in soap suds once a fortnight and see that the wicks fit them snugly and are kept free from particles of soot and dust.

Lamps should never be left burning with the wicks turned low; they should cover be blown out when the flame is high. The safest place to fill lamps is out of doors or at least far from any open flame. A lamp that is always kept entirely full of oil is safer to use than one half empty, because there is less room for dangerous gases to form within.

When the family gather about the big reading lamp in the evening, Mother should see that it is placed on a flat, steady surface, out of reach of Father's newspaper or Small Son's arched elbows and where no curtain can blow against it.

The children must not carry hand lamps from room to room, to insure little fingers and Mother should not take a lamp or a lighted match into a dark closet in search of an umbrella or dark medicine. If closets must be explored or attic or cellar visited at night, an electric flashlight is the only safe guide.

Some suburban places are lighted by gas or electricity. If gas is used, all open flames must be protected with glass globes; the folding bracket should not be tolerated. Electricity is the safest of all lighting mediums but many fires start from poor insulation and the system should be examined from time to time, for signs of wear.

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if gasoline must be used in cleaning clothes it should be done out of doors, not in the kitchen where there is a fire in the stove. The can in which gasoline is kept should be plainly labelled so that it can never be mistaken for kerosene.

In private homes more fires originate in the chimney than anywhere else. All chimneys should be cleaned once a year and examined often for soot. Every stove in the house should rest on a zinc base and should have a sheet of zinc or tin tacked to the wall behind it, and all fire-places should be protected by a screen of fine wire to keep in flying sparks and snapping embers.

A zinc or corrugated iron ash can costs a little more than a wooden box but it does not cost nearly as much as a new house. Ashes should never be mixed with other waste products—paper, excelsior, old boxes and discarded clothes. Such rubbish makes fire spreaders; it should be carried to the bonfire as soon as possible and never allowed to accumulate in cellar or attic.

There is one sort of waste that is particularly dangerous as it has the faculty of creating a fire by generating its own heat and this is greasy rags that have been used for polishing the furniture or floor. A beautiful church in Illinois was recently burned to the ground on the eve of its dedication by a fire that started among the rags with which the women members had been polishing the pews.

Bonfires themselves are dangerous unless properly built and supervised by an older person. On a windy day they spread rapidly and of course they should never be built near a wooden fence or building nor in dry grass. But in spite of all care in preventing one occurring and the country dweller must prepare for the event.

He must provide first the means of dealing with the fire and putting it out if possible and second the means of escape for his family if the fire gets beyond control. All fires are small fires in the beginning and can be put out with simple methods if the one who discovers them does not lose his presence of mind.

A ten-quart fire pail, painted red, with a rim of phosphorescent paint round it so it can be seen at night should be kept always filled on every floor of the house. It should never be borrowed for any other household purpose and every member of the family should know just where it can be found in an emergency. This amount of water slung with a slantwise motion will put out almost any fire before it has gained headway. A garden hose and long ladder kept always in readiness will enable the householder to get at outside fires without waste of time; elements nailed on the roof give quick access to a burning chimney.

Every house whether in the city or the country should also possess one of the inexpensive chemical fire extinguishers now on the market and the whole family from Grandmother to the tiniest tot should learn how to use it.

An extinguisher of this kind will put out any kind of fire, whether burning wood, oil or what not. If there is no one of these devices at hand, the person who discovers the fire should first call for help, then close the windows, shutting off all the air possible and fight the fire with whatever means are at hand.

A gasoline or kerosene fire is only spread by throwing water on it. It can be smothered by beating it with a heavy rag or by sprinkling it with flour or sand.

An electric fire is another than can not be treated with water or the same person will get a severe shock should he touch the cords for this type of fire.

Monkeys of salt thrown down the flow of a burning chimney choke the flame and lessen the blazing soot. Blazing clothing should be extinguished by smothering in blankets or rugs.

There are two days in the year when the fire danger is greater than on any other time, Christmas and the Fourth of July. Every year thousands of homes are destroyed through fires that start with the Christmas tree candles and the Fourth of July fireworks.

There are other less dangerous ways of celebrating and parents should try to provide them for the children. A set of tiny red and yellow electric bulbs twinkles as merrily among the fir needles as the tressure candles and there are many many non-explosive ways of being patriotic on the Fourth.

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CANTON

George Peabody of Brockton, Mass., has been a guest of his uncle, Wm. A. Lucas and wife.

Miss Eleanor Westgate gave a piano recital at the studio of Miss Florence A. Wells of Lewiston, Thursday evening.

Mrs. Marion A. Smith and Miss Lida Abbott have gone on a southern trip.

The officers of Anasaganticook Lodge were installed Wednesday evening by D. D. G. M. Carl G. Thurston of Rumford, assisted by Edmond Francis of Rumford as G. M. The electors officers were given in a former issue. The appointed officers are: Warden, H. B. Gilbert; Conductor, Theon Woodward; R. S. N. G. A. E. Johnson; L. S. N. G. C. A. Swett; R. S. S. James G. Davis; L. S. S. Joseph L. Gannon; R. S. V. G. G. H. Johnson; L. S. V. G. Sherman Dillon; O. G. W. F. Mitchell, Jr.; I. G. E. E. Westgate. A banquet was served at the close.

William K. DeCoster, one of Canton's highly esteemed citizens, passed away Thursday morning at the age of 71 years. He was born in Canton, a son of George DeCoster and Harriet Bicknell DeCoster, to whom were born five children. Mr. DeCoster was the youngest and the last to pass away. In early life he married Miss Emily Coolidge, who passed away leaving a son, Edward, who was cared for and lived with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coolidge, and who is now a resident of South Paris. Later he married Mrs. Melvina Barrows Ripley, who survives him. They have one daughter, Miss Lillian DeCoster, who has been at home this winter on account of her father's ill health. He is also survived by eight nephews and nieces, William A. Lucas of Canton, Geo. C. Russell of Rumford, S. A. Russell of Dixfield, James R. Russell of Gilsum, Mrs. Lillian P. Peabody of Dixfield, Mrs. F. A. Allen of Livermore Falls, Mrs. Nellie G. Harper of Auburn and Mrs. Percis L. Noyes of New York. Mr. DeCoster worked for many years with his father who was a carriage manufacturer. Later he took up the trade of carpenter and became a prominent contractor and builder. Mr. DeCoster was an honored member of Whitney Lodge, No. 167, F. & A. M., and of Evergreen Chapter, No. 23, O. E. S. In the passing on of Mr. DeCoster Canton loses a most worthy citizen and friend who leaves a large circle of friends to mourn the loss. The sympathy of all goes out to the bereaved family. The funeral was held Monday at the home at 11 o'clock, Rev. J. H. Little of Bethel officiating. The floral offerings were in great profusion. The bearers were: William A. Lucas, Dr. Frank W. Morse, Edwin K. Hollis and Geo. L. Wadlin. Among those from out of town who attended the funeral were Mrs. Louisa Ellis Morrill of Portland, Edward DeCoster of So. Paris and Mrs. G. C. Russell of Rumford.

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at tributes were many and beautiful. Miss Melvina House of Canton passed away Tuesday evening at the home of Aaron W. Jackson, where she had been housekeeper for the past six years. She was 63 years of age, and was born in Turner, the daughter of Calvin House and Lydia Phillips House. A brother, Buel P. House of Jefferson City, Mo., and two nieces and two nephews survive. The funeral was held Friday at the home of Mr. Jackson. The floral offerings were very beautiful. The interment was at North Turner in the family lot.

The news of the sudden death of Dr. John A. Henderson of Westmount, Que., reached Canton, Wednesday. Mr. Henderson passed away after a few days illness with double pneumonia. He married Miss Viola Hersey of Montreal, who is well known in Canton, where she has spent much time in the past. Dr. and Mrs. Henderson made a pleasant visit in Canton and Rumford last summer. Dr. Henderson ranked high in his profession and will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends, as well as in the family circle. Besides his wife he is survived by three children.

The Ocean Park Study Club met with Miss M. E. Colburn, Tuesday evening.

Miss Mary I. Richardson is teaching the winter term of school at Gilletteville.

W. A. Lucas visited his sister, Mrs. L. F. Allen at Livermore Falls, New Year's day.

J. K. Forhan is in the M. O. Hospital at Portland for treatment and is doing nicely.

Miss Sadie Reed left Saturday for North Billerica, Mass., to work in the family of Dr. Nell K. Forhan.

Among the sick ones are: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bicknell, Mrs. L. A. Davis and Mrs. S. A. Childs.

Emory Parsons, one of Hartford's influential citizens, passed his 80th birthday, Wednesday, and received an abundant card shower from his large circle of friends. Mr. Parsons is the son of Col. Daniel Parsons and Harriet Emery Parsons to whom were born six children. He married Miss Abbie Mitchell and they live on the farm where Mr. Parsons was born, his grandfather building the house in 1813. They have three children, Mrs. Edith Roberts of Canton, Mrs. Adelle Gates of Haverhill, Mass., and Harold E. Parsons who lives at home and carries on the large farm.

J. D. G. H. P., Walter G. Hicks of Rumford, with James Shea, Marshall, installed the officers of Canton Knecampment, Friday evening as follows: C. P. M. Richardson; S. W. Sherman; Dillon; H. P. F. C. Handy; J. W. John Dillon; 1st W. J. L. Gannon; 2d W. A. L. Dodge; 3d W. D. A. Freeman; 4th W. J. J. Swasey; 1st G. of T. G. H. Johnson; 2d G. of T. Leon Harding; Scribe, F. B. Woodward; Treasurer, H. A. Switt; Oiler, C. A. Swett; I. R. E. E. Westgate; O. S. C. B. Gannon. A banquet followed.

Mary Chamberlain of North Berwick has been a guest of Miss Eva Briggs.

Mrs. C. H. Tawle and son of Dixfield are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lucas.

The next meeting of the Calverna Hat Circle will be held with Mrs. C. P. Oldham and Mrs. A. P. York.

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RUMFORD

News comes to Rumford friends of Arthur E. Morrison, formerly of Rumford, of his serious illness in New York State, where he is being cared for at the residence of his son, Robley H. Morrison, at Hudson Falls, N. Y. Mr. Morrison was one of the pioneers in the starting of Rumford Falls in 1892, and was a stirring and enthusiastic leader for the town. He established the Rumford Falls Insurance Agency, and built up a fine business. He later became travelling agent for the Mutual Life of New York, and was very successful in that. His many friends express sympathy in his present illness and hope for a speedy recovery.

Thursday evening, Jan. 18, at the Municipal Building will be held the annual Burns concert and ball by the (Chisholm, No. 105, Order Scottish Clans). Celebrated artists will appear including Miss Mulholland, contralto, New York; Theodore Martin, tenor, New York; Neil Baxter, Scotch Comedian, Springfield, Mass.; The Campbell Kids, Highland Dancers, Boston; William Hays, Highland Piper, Walter Rolfe, pianist. The Melrose Orchestra will furnish music for the dance. The members of the committee who have the affair in charge are: James Law, John Anderson, Matthew Myles, Robert Wishart, A. McDonald, Alex. Murdoch, and John MacFarlane. Theodora Martin recently sang at the annual dinner given by Andrew Carnegie to a number of business associates at the Carnegie home, New York City. Mr. Martin is an old favorite of Mr. Carnegie. Charles Schwab, the great head of the steel trust, was present and heard Mr. Martin sing. Rumford people are feeling that they have quite a treat in store for them.

The friends in town of Marshall Randolph, a former manager of the E. K. Bay Company basement, will be interested to learn that he is advancing rapidly in his new position with the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, having been promoted to manager of a branch store in Lawrence, Mass.

The engagement of Miss Iva Foster of the Virginia District and Ralph Stetson has been announced.

Mrs. Partendermer of New York City is spending two weeks with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Stanwood, at West Peru and other relatives in town.

James Leet and wife with their young child left the first of the week for Nova Scotia, where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. Fred Fish has left for Bridgeport, Conn., to join her husband who has a position there.

William Hanley has gone to Berlin, N. H., where he has secured employment.

Mrs. Dr. Joly and two daughters, Margaret and Grace of Waterville, are the guests of Mrs. E. J. Roderick.

Rehearsals for the opera, "Pocahontas," which is to be presented in the near future, are to begin at once. Prof. Thiele will direct the production.

Nellie B. Noble, who is employed as a maid with Levin, Santer and Company, has left for her home in West Pembroke for a two weeks' vacation. She was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Hiltion.

Mrs. Bachelin has moved into her new house on Penobscot street.

Mrs. Brown of Sanford is visiting her son, George Brown and wife of Franklin street.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Rowley, who have been living in Massachusetts for the past year, are spending a few weeks at home, the guests of Mr. Rowley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rowley of Pine street.

Mrs. Wilson Welch has gone to Andover, Mass., where Mr. Welch has been employed by the Cummings Construction Company for the past month. Mr. Welch is supervising the construction of a large power plant.

At the last meeting of the town council the resignation of Mrs. Edith Lee Neal as an agent for the protection of children in Oxford County was accepted. Mrs. Neal refused to work under the restriction of the State Board of Charities and Corrections.

Charles J. Leary has recently installed in his store an electrical corn popping machine which pops and butters corn automatically. Mr. Leary has also installed a large magazine rack and all the magazines are displayed conveniently.

The following officers have been elected from the Junior class of the High School. Their work is to publish the annual high school magazine called

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The "Stephens Tribute," Editor-in-Chief, A. Henry; assistant editors, Philip Schmidt, Ethelyn Bickford, Mary Elliott; business manager, Merle Niles; athletics, Harold Steward; local, Ella Perry; grinders, Kenneth Seymour; alumni, Zephie Abbott; exchange, Violet Chamberlain; artists, Leader and Lesieur.

At the annual parish meeting of the Universalist Church the following officers were elected: Moderator, A. P. White; clerk, E. H. Brown; treasurer, Charles Brown; trustees, Mrs. E. S. Kennard, E. W. Howe, Isaac W. Greene. F. J. Caran and wife left on Monday of this week for the South.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Thomson of Hancock street are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son. Mrs. Thomson was formerly Miss Lydia Clark, a clerk in the Rumford National Bank.

Louis P. Booth, photographer, is spending a couple of weeks at his home in Providence, R. I.

James Dyer has gone to Portland, where he has secured employment.

Mr. Arthur Gauthier contemplates leaving the last of this month for a southern trip.

Strathgill Commandery No. 21, Knights Templar, met in regular convocation at Masonic Hall on Friday evening last and in addition to the regular work of the evening, rehearsed the Temple Degree work. A committee consisting of Frank Hawley, Fred E. Dunham, Dr. Sturtevant, and Frank P. Thomas were appointed to report at the next convocation on the proposed program for St. John's Day.

The many friends of William K. DeCoster of Canton are very sorry indeed to hear of his death at his home in Canton last week. Mr. DeCoster, as a builder, has had direct charge of the construction of many homes and business blocks in Rumford during the twenty odd years of his growth, and proved himself a feasible and competent man in every position of trust. His many friends extend sympathy to the family.

The friends of Dr. A. L. Stanwood are congratulating him upon a narrow escape from serious injury from a bad fall recently. The doctor, who owns a farm down in Peru, was up on the hay loft, and in crossing from one side to the other, stepped on a loose board

which tilted under his weight, throwing him to the floor below, where he struck on his side, bruising him quite badly, but fortunately breaking no bones. He was badly stiffened up for a day or two, but is now feeling better. The distance from the loft to the floor is 10 feet.

Mr. William Pillsbury of the bank was down of cough and phlegm, was taken and held and seriously ill on Saturday night, and was removed to the McArthur Hospital about midnight, where his case was diagnosed as appendicitis. His family physician, Dr. William of Portland was communicated with, and arrangements made for the operation on Monday. Dr. Williams arrived on the Sunday noon train to assist Dr. McArthur. At last reports, Mr. Pillsbury is resting quietly, and coming along finely. He will be confined away from his business for several weeks to come.

The fine weather of Sunday brought

ANDOVER

Ellie Akers was the guest of Florence Akers, Sunday.

The King's Daughters' Association held their annual meeting, Thursday, Jan. 4, at the home of Mrs. F. E. Leslie. Following are the officers elected for the year: President, Mrs. C. A. Rand; vice president, Mrs. Lillie Thurston; secretary, Mrs. F. E. Leslie; treasurer, Mrs. Alice Thurston. The next meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 18, with Mrs. Archer Poor.

The schools in town reopened Monday with the following teachers: No. 1, Primary, Ellie Akers; Intermediate, Lillie Baker; Grammar, Florence Akers; So. Andover, Irene Abbott; No. 4, Laura Hutchins; High School, Herman N. Dunham, Principal; Mrs. E. C. Stuart, Assistant.

Y. A. Thurston is at home this week from his camp at Azicous Lake.

Marian Learned has finished working at Glenellis and is at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Girdler-Sewant and two children have gone to Lynn, Mass., for the winter.

Vivian Learned is at home from the hospital, where she has been working for Mrs. Bert Dunn.

The Ancient and Honorable Whist Club held its first meeting, Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Akers. Eighteen members were present and the prizes were won by Mrs. Frank Thomas and Dr. F. E. Leslie, 1st, and Fred Hutchins and Mrs. Ada Morrill, 2nd. Refreshments were served by the committee.

Ray Thurston is at his home this week from the woods.

Nelson Campbell is helping Sylvanus Learned haul lumber at No. 4.

Will Cole has moved his family to Rumford Corner and is hauling pine from Mrs. Grace Moody's farm to the river.

Bert Barker from Andover was in town, Thursday of last week with furniture.

George and Robert Dunn are boarding with their grandparents, Geo. Thomas and wife, and attending school.

The new high school building was dedicated Friday, Jan. 5, with the following exercises:

Andover Band, Prayer, Rev. Geo. M. Graham, Music, Ladies' Quartet, Introductory Remarks, Dr. F. E. Leslie, Address, Mrs. Joseph W. Taylor, Music, Ladies' Quartet, Address, Mr. H. A. Allen, State Agent for Rural Education.

The building has been erected at a cost of \$8,000.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid was held Wednesday P. M. at the home of Mrs. Olive Akers.

The Camp Fire Girls met last week with Hazel Mills. A pleasing program was carried out and refreshments were served.

The Andover Water Co. held its annual meeting, Tuesday evening at the Hook and Ladder Hall.

Mrs. Helen Jones, widow of Mr. L. F. Jones, a former resident of Andover, passed away at the Central Maine Hospital in Lewiston several days ago. Mrs. Jones has lived in Andover for many years and was highly respected. Although in feeble health for many years, she helped Mr. Jones carry on the large farm now owned by J. A. French and Ray Thurston. After the death of Mr. Jones she went to Winthrop to live where the burial will take place in the spring. The deceased was 70 years old.

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The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of Winona A. Durfee late of Fall River, Massachusetts in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are requested to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately. ALGERNON S. CHAPMAN. December 10th, 1916.

A crowd of young people to the Municipal Skating Rink and the pool below the falls, and it was an animated picture to any one looking on from the board walk on Penobscot avenue to see the hundreds of skaters gliding along. The money spent by the Village Corporation to keep this ice rink in order for our young people to enjoy themselves, is well worth while.

Mr. Harris L. Elliott, superintendent of the Rumford and Mexico Water District, left Sunday for Boston to take a course of medical treatment for his throat.

P. E. Sanbers, superintendent of the Portland Division of the Maine Central, and Assistant Superintendent of Motive Power, A. R. Manderson were in town the first of this week.

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WEST PARIS

Miss Stella Churehill is in very poor health.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Andrews of Brattleboro, Vt., have been the guests of friends in town.

C. F. Barden had the misfortune to have his horse get cut so badly on the R. F. D. route Monday that he was obliged to leave the horse and walk from Greenwood City home.

Mrs. Irvin L. Bowker of Portland is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Tuell.

Harold Jackson got one finger crushed while handling logs at Mann's mill, Friday.

Tuesday evening the officers of Onward Rebekah Lodge were installed by D. D. P. Miss Ava Leach and D. D. G. M., Mrs. Clark of South Paris, and are as follows:

N. G.—Miss Marion R. Curtis. V. G.—Mrs. Mildred Cole. Fin. Sec.—Mrs. Juliette F. Curtis. Rec. Sec.—Mrs. Della R. Penley. Treas.—Mrs. Ethel M. Penley. I. G.—Mrs. Lena Bulber. O. G.—Mrs. Mary Stetson. Warden—Mrs. Leona P. Ridlon. Chap.—Mrs. Winnie E. Ridlon. R. S. N. G.—Mabel Ricker. L. S. N. G.—Mrs. Ida Jacobs. R. S. V. G.—Mrs. Margaret Farrar. L. S. V. G.—Mrs. Minnie Day.

The covered dish supper and social held by the Good Will Society, Wednesday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Ball proved such a pleasant affair that more such socials are to follow in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Mann were guests Thursday of Mrs. Mann's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Newell, of Sumner.

Miss Dolly of Westbrook is the new grammar school teacher in place of Miss Curran, who will not return.

Mrs. S. T. White recently gave a dinner party in honor of her two nieces, Miss Mildred White of Topsham and Miss Annette Austin of South Paris. Those present were Lucy Edwards, Hazel and Bertha Cole, Laura Emery and Edith Gardner. Alice Berry also came in the afternoon. Music and games were enjoyed.

Vernal Bates of New Haven, Conn., recently spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Bates.

At a recent dedication service at the M. E. church a pulpit and table were dedicated, which were made by L. W. Grundy and were very pretty, made of quartered oak, presented by the Epworth League. Howard McKee, president of the League, made the presentation speech, and O. D. Ellingwood, accepted on behalf of the church.

Pine Cone Whist Club held a public whist party at Constancia Hall, Thursday evening which was very pleasant. Seven tables of whist.

WEST BETHEL.

After two weeks vacation from her school Miss Jennie Ross has returned and has Miss Keaton from Bethel village to assist her.

The carpenters are still busy on the buildings of A. P. Mason.

Mr. Zenas Merrill and two children from Norway visited his mother, Mrs. Stephen Westlight, last week.

Mrs. Malena Norman, Mrs. Melanis, Mrs. Hugh Thurston were in Bethel village, Tuesday.

Miss Mabel Reimher is caring for Mrs. R. A. Gilbert and young son. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Mason visited in Mason, Sunday.

E. L. Mason visited his brother, A. H. Mason, at the Steam Mill village, Sunday.

W. D. Mills called on W. A. Farwell, Sunday. Mr. Farwell having been confined to the house over five weeks.

A meeting of the milk producers of this section has been called for Tuesday evening, Jan. 16, in the Grange Hall. The question of joining the N. E. M. P. A. is to be brought up and other important matters.

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PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named: At a Probate Court held at Paris in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of January, A. D. 1917, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

M. Antoinette Stearns late of Bethel, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Elizabeth T. Stearns, executrix.

Elbridge Prince late of Albany, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Elly C. Park, administrator.

M. Antoinette Stearns late of Bethel, deceased; petition for determination of collateral inheritance tax presented by Elizabeth T. Stearns, executrix.

Elbridge Prince late of Albany, deceased; petition for determination of collateral inheritance tax presented by Elly C. Park, administrator.

Walter A. Abbott late of Rumford, deceased; final account presented for allowance by Charles H. Abbott and Aretas E. Stearns, executors.

Walter A. Abbott late of Rumford, deceased; petition for determination of collateral inheritance tax presented by Charles H. Abbott and Aretas E. Stearns, executors.

S. Porter Stearns late of Paris, deceased; first and private accounts presented for allowance by Austin P. Stearns, Henry K. Stearns and Elly C. Park, executors.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court. A true copy—attest: ALBERT D. PARK, Register. 12-28-16.

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MIDDLE INTERVALE ROAD.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Belding are occupying the upstairs room at the Cape Homestead.

Mrs. O. R. Stanley went to Portland, Monday for a week's stay with her daughter.

Mrs. E. A. Capen is at Middle Intervale with her daughter. Edgar Coolidge and son, Lester, were at J. F. Coolidge's last week. Alice Gunther is working at Mr. Carter's.

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The readers of the Citizen have been privileged to see much of Mr. Jones' writings in these columns. The appeal is being made first to those who felt an interest in Mr. Jones' Washington letter to become "charter member subscribers" to Achievements in the World's Work.

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(Signed)

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that Earl E. Cronmatt of Biddeford, has made application to the Maine Board of Bar Examiners for examination for admission to the Bar at the session of the Board to be held at Bangor, Maine, on the first Tuesday of February, 1917.

PHILIP C. CLIFFORD, Secretary of the Board. 12-28-16.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

RUMFORD

News comes to Rumford friends of Arthur E. Morrison, formerly of Rumford, of his serious illness in New York State, where he is being cared for at the residence of his son, Robley H. Morrison, at Hudson Falls, N. Y. Mr. Morrison was one of the pioneers in the starting of Rumford Falls in 1892, and was a stirring and enthusiastic leader for the town. He established the Rumford Falls Insurance Agency, and built up a fine business. He later became travelling agent for the Mutual Life of New York, and was very successful in that. His many friends express sympathy in his present illness and hope for a speedy recovery.

Thursday evening, Jan. 18, at the Municipal Building will be held the annual Burns concert and ball by the (Chisholm, No. 105, Order Scottish Clans). Celebrated artists will appear including Miss Mulholland, contralto, New York; Theodore Martin, tenor, New York; Neil Baxter, Scotch Comedian, Springfield, Mass.; The Campbell Kids, Highland Dancers, Boston; William Hays, Highland Piper, Walter Rolfe, pianist. The Melrose Orchestra will furnish music for the dance. The members of the committee who have the affair in charge are: James Law, John Anderson, Matthew Myles, Robert Wishart, A. McDonald, Alex. Murdoch, and John MacFarlane. Theodora Martin recently sang at the annual dinner given by Andrew Carnegie to a number of business associates at the Carnegie home, New York City. Mr. Martin is an old favorite of Mr. Carnegie. Charles Schwab, the great head of the steel trust, was present and heard Mr. Martin sing. Rumford people are feeling that they have quite a treat in store for them.

The friends in town of Marshall Randolph, a former manager of the E. K. Bay Company basement, will be interested to learn that he is advancing rapidly in his new position with the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, having been promoted to manager of a branch store in Lawrence, Mass.

The engagement of Miss Iva Foster of the Virginia District and Ralph Stetson has been announced.

Mrs. Partendermer of New York City is spending two weeks with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Stanwood, at West Peru and other relatives in town.

James Leet and wife with their young child left the first of the week for Nova Scotia, where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. Fred Fish has left for Bridgeport, Conn., to join her husband who has a position there.

William Hanley has gone to Berlin, N. H., where he has secured employment.

Mrs. Dr. Joly and two daughters, Margaret and Grace of Waterville, are the guests of Mrs. E. J. Roderick.

Rehearsals for the opera, "Pocahontas," which is to be presented in the near future, are to begin at once. Prof. Thiele will direct the production.

Nellie B. Noble, who is employed as a maid with Levin, Santer and Company, has left for her home in West Pembroke for a two weeks' vacation. She was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Hiltion.

Mrs. Bachelin has moved into her new house on Penobscot street.

Mrs. Brown of Sanford is visiting her son, George Brown and wife of Franklin street.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Rowley, who have been living in Massachusetts for the past year, are spending a few weeks at home, the guests of Mr. Rowley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rowley of Pine street.

Mrs. Wilson Welch has gone to Andover, Mass., where Mr. Welch has been employed by the Cummings Construction Company for the past month. Mr. Welch is supervising the construction of a large power plant.

At the last meeting of the town council the resignation of Mrs. Edith Lee Neal as an agent for the protection of children in Oxford County was accepted. Mrs. Neal refused to work under the restriction of the State Board of Charities and Corrections.

Charles J. Leary has recently installed in his store an electrical corn popping machine which pops and butters corn automatically. Mr. Leary has also installed a large magazine rack and all the magazines are displayed conveniently.

The following officers have been elected from the Junior class of the High School. Their work is to publish the annual high school magazine called

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DANGER IN RAW PORK.
Serious and Often Fatal Disease, Trichinosis, Due to Eating Uncooked Meat.
Let no pork or pork products be
eaten unless they are cooked if you would
be certain of avoiding trichinosis. This
is a warning issued by the Bureau of
Animal Industry of the United States
Department of Agriculture, especially
to those who are in the habit of eating
raw ham or special forms of sausage
containing raw pork and made to be
eaten uncooked. The experts show that
the number of cases of trichinosis—
sore throat, fever, and other fatal diseases
resulting from trichinosis—increases dur-
ing the holidays, partly because of hog
killing time and partly because fam-
ers frequently make up special forms
of sausage which are eaten without
cooking.

To avoid trichinosis no form of pork
in the raw state, including dried or
cured sausage and ham, should be
eaten. All pork and all food should be
cooked thoroughly, as trichinosis, the dis-
ease which causes trichinosis, is not
killed by boiling, and therefore becomes
harmless when subjected to a longer
period of 100 degrees F. or higher. The
fact that these cures are so simple and
easy and active in uncooked pork
makes the latter, say departmental
experts, a menace to life and health
whenever it is eaten.

Persons should remember this also
in the case of food bought from pork
and a practical rule is to cook pork
until it has lost its red color through-
out all portions, or, if a trace of this
color is still present, at least until the
surface of the meat has become brown or
gray.

The Federal meat inspectors do not
inspect pork or pork products to de-
termine the presence or absence of the
parasitic causing trichinosis, as even
careful microscopic examination is in-
adequate to detect trichinosis. The
inspector's duty, however, requires that
pork which is to be made into products
be eaten raw shall be heated and
killed by exposure for considerable
periods to extreme heat to destroy the
parasitic eggs. This requirement
does not mean all pork products made
to be eaten raw, since the Federal in-
spector requires only establishments
preparing products to be shipped in in-
terstate commerce.

It should be noted that the special
treatment required by the Bureau of
Animal Industry to be given to pork
products must be to make raw meat
not be subjected to an improvement of
such drastic procedure. The measures
are taken primarily to reduce the risk
when the person who ignorantly, care-
lessly, or negligently eats such products. It
remains that the safest plan is to eat
no pork products of any kind raw.

POEMS WORTH READING

ALWAYS MORNING.

Always morning when people are young,
Always dawn on the hills for those
Who walk the vales where the vines
Are swung
Over the bloom of the crimson rose.

Always bubble of birth and bloom
Always in the hearts that are April still
No matter how heavy may roar the
boom
Or sound the shuttle within the mill.

Always morning for folks that feel
Useless destinies still their own
These are bright where the columns
Reel
Back from the struggle, but still un-
thrown.

IN SMILING JANUARY.

Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Consti-
tution.

Breeze halts along his way,
Glims his brow disclose;
January smiles like May.
Pelts him with red roses
(As this song ere hill and plain
Stop with snow the picnic train)

Ordered ten full tons of coal
He needed the red October,
But Winter-bless his summer-well—
Came reasonably sober.
Not use this song before the sleet
Beats down one flower that's smiling
sweetly.

THE MORNING HAD STILL SING TO ME.

A song unknown to sorrow,
Sings from the old mother tree;
"Life will be sweet tomorrow!"
Yet use this song, at your own price,
Before tomorrow sings on trees!

WHILE THE DAYS GO BY.

By Henry Abbey.

I shall not say, "Our life is all in
vain."
For peace may cheer the desolated
earth;
But well I know that, on this weary
earth,
Round each joy island is a sea of pain—
And the days go by.

WE WATCH OUR KIDNAPERS, FAR GLICKERING IN THE NIGHT.

These radiant torches, lighted in cur-
rents,
To guide, through years, to some broad
moor of truth;
Not these go out and leave us with no
light—
And the days go by.

We are the clouds of summer go and
come,
And thirty venes praying them to
give;
We cry: "O Nature, tell us why we
live!"
She smiles with beauty, but her lips
are dumb—
And the days go by.

YET WHAT ARE WE? WE BREATHE WE LOVE.

We raise:
Too soon our little orbits change and
fall:
We are Fate's children, very third,
and all
Are homeless strangers, craving rest
and peace—
And the days go by.

I CANNOT ASK TO DRINK EXPERIENCE DEEP.

And, in the end, sweet gullet of my
years,
To find love poured with all its smiles
and tears,
And quaffing this, I too shall sweetly
sleep—
And the days go by.

THE FIRST OF JANUARY.

He says to himself, of himself nothing—
Tuck himself out of himself, as it were,
He looked himself in a glassy light,
Looked into himself with keen insight,
Fingering of things that he might know.

HE LOOKED HIMSELF WITH EPIPHANY TONE.

And himself estimate, selfish, per-
verse,
The children to know and the father
to teach,
Grown man, unrepentant find,
Holding that, entire fact,
Then proceeded to be just as bad, or
worse!

THE RIGHT O' WAY.

No one knows the all way
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THE WEIGHT OF THE OLD MAN'S LOAD.

How many years of memories
Gathering his weary brain
With each a name repeating,
"They never came back again."

THOUGHTS OF THE DEAR OLD HUSBAND.

When we were all so young,
The twilight and the light gleam,

BRIEF ITEMS.

The U. S. Department of Agricul-
ture has at Arlington Farm, Va., ap-
paratus for testing different methods
proposed for fixing atmospheric nitro-
gen.

Specialists of the U. S. Department
of Agriculture are at work at La Fay-
ette, Ind., to determine the cause of the
infection known in that locality as oat
blast.

The soils of 571,463,650 acres, or
82,913 square miles, had been surveyed
and mapped by the Bureau of Soils at
the close of the fiscal year 1916.

On land that has been in an early
maturing cultivated crop, such as po-
tatoes, peas, sweet corn, or soy beans,
no other preparation for alfalfa will be
needed than necessary harrowings.

In its round trip nearly from pole to
pole, the Arctic tern covers 25,000
miles. Its daily journey is at least 150
miles, and this is probably multiplied
several times by the zigzag twistings
and turnings in pursuit of food.

In moist climates, such as the east-
ern United States, it is not easy to
succeed with alfalfa except where the
soil conditions are favorable. Marked
success, however, has been obtained on
certain soils in the South where the
annual rainfall exceeds 50 inches.

Flint and flour varieties of corn fre-
quently produce heavier yields than
dent varieties under droughty condi-
tions. They are unpopular, however, on
account of the many small ears and the
difficulty of husking. When harvested
by animals this difficulty is overcome.

And the merry songs we sung:
Gone like the leaves of autumn
Driven before the gale,
With only an ancient wanderer
Left to tell the tale.

Thoughts of the verdant school-boy,
When life was but a whirl
Of May day tramps and moonlight
walks

With romance to his best girl,
The old colonial dwellings
Still stand along the Maine,
But the friends he loved and cherished
Will never come back again.

Thoughts of his early manhood,
When he took his place in the row
And thought to demonstrate that he
"Could be 'A man with a hoe,'"
A beautiful happy moon cottage
Is standing there today,
But the toddlers that nestled there
Have long since blown away.

Thoughts of the Grand St. Lawrence
In all his power and might,
As he took his Montgomery bride
All in her robes of white,
Rising the long green island
As on their course they ran,
While the merry bells were ringing
From the towers of Bonne St. Anne.

Thoughts of the old stone cottage,
High up on the rocky shore,
Where they slept to the music of the
waves
And the Montgomery's rose,
And had they still a hundred years
Around the world to roam,
They never could find another like
"Our Montgomery Home!"

W. B. DILLINGHAM.

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I said it in the meadow path,
I say it on the mountain side—
The best thing any mortal shall
Are those which every mortal shares.

THE AIR WE BREATHE—THE SKY—THE

The light without us and within—
Life, with its unlooked treasures—
God's robes—are for all to win.

THE GRASS IS SOFTER TO MY TREAD.

The rest it yields unnumbered feet
Heavier to me the wild rose
Because she makes the whole world
sweet

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COAL SMASHES RECORD.

The production and consumption of
coal in the United States in 1916 ex-
ceeded all past records. The quantity
of bituminous coal mined last year is
estimated by C. B. Lecher, of the United
States Geological Survey, Depart-
ment of the Interior, as slightly more
than 562,000,000 net tons, an increase
compared with 1915, of more than 66,
500,000 tons, or 15 per cent, and great-
er by 81,000,000 tons than the record
of 1913. Data furnished by the Anthra-
cite Bureau of Information indicate
that the production of Pennsylvania an-
thracite was 88,212,000 net tons, about
600,000 tons less than in 1915. The total
output of coal in the United States
is thus estimated at 597,500,000 net
tons, and the official figures when com-
pleted may show 600,000,000 tons, com-
pared with 570,000,000 tons in 1915.

This estimate, which is to be fol-
lowed by a more detailed statement,
shows that the increase was general, on-
ly three States, Maryland, Oklahoma,
and Texas, having had a smaller pro-
duction than in 1915. The largest in-
crease was in Ohio, whose production
in 1916 is estimated at 57,000,000 tons,
compared with 52,435,000 tons in 1915,
a gain of 4,565,000 tons, or 8 per cent.

The annual report of the Chief of
the Bureau of Reclamation, United States
Department of Agriculture, announces
that the fertilizer investigations of that
bureau have been established as a sep-
arate administrative unit. The work of
the division is divided along three lines
which deal, respectively, with the
three fertilizer ingredients—potash, ni-
trogen, and phosphates.

Potash—A plant will be erected on
the southern Pacific coast to experi-
ment on a commercial scale with the
problem of extracting potash from kelp.
This experimental plant is made pos-
sible by a special appropriation of
\$125,000 for this purpose. The bureau
also is cooperating with cement mills
and blast furnaces to determine by
analysis whether the potash now lost
warrants the necessary expense to re-
cover it. It is investigating the ques-
tion of extracting potash from wood
sawings, and is making an effort to
get in touch with companies in the
country which are engaged in cleaning
raw wool on a large scale. The bureau
also has published a number of almanac
determinations dealing with various
methods of treating alfalfa for potash.

Nitrogen—The bureau has equipped
a laboratory at Arlington (Va.) Experi-
ment Farm with apparatus for testing

FERTILIZER PROBLEM.

the different methods proposed for fix-
ing atmospheric nitrogen, and contracts
have been let for much additional
equipment to extend this work. This
extension of the work has been delayed
by the impossibility of securing im-
mediate delivery of machinery.

In connection with the work on phos-
phates, an electrical furnace has been
in operation working on the problem of
volatilizing phosphoric acid and fixing
nitrogen in one operation. Apparatus
has also been installed for experiment-
ing with the Ostwald process of oxidiz-
ing ammonia for the production of ni-
tric acid. Both these projects are at-
tended with technical difficulties and
no important results can as yet be an-
nounced.

Investigations on city wastes have
been continued and an apparatus and
processes for rendering garbage and
other similar wastes have been devised
which it is believed will prove superior
to those now in use for this purpose.

A full report on city wastes is now in
course of preparation. Some work also
has been done in determining the avail-
ability of various nitrogenous fertiliz-
er materials when applied to the soil,
and this work is being continued.

A study of the subject of ammonia
from the by-product coke ovens has
been made and published.

Phosphates—At the Arlington labora-
tory an electric furnace has been in-
stalled and work on the volatilization
of phosphoric acid from phosphate rock
has been begun. A Cottrell precipitat-
or was installed and, while minor ad-
justments remain to be made, the ex-
perimental fact that phosphoric acid can
be economically collected in this way
has been demonstrated.

A process for producing sulphur
acid has been perfected and patented
which gives promise of being much
more satisfactory than the process now
in use.

General.
The problem of producing com-
bined fertilizers containing all three
fertilizer ingredients or any two of
them has been attacked from several di-
rections, and methods have been work-
ed out in the laboratory for producing
ammonium potassium phosphate, potas-
sium phosphate, and ammonium phos-
phate by processes which are new and
very promising. Patents on all these
processes, for the benefit of the people
of the United States, have either been
secured or have been applied for.

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THE CURTAIN FRONT

POULTRY HOUSE.

By G. E. Conkey.

With the coming of cold weather and
its effects on laying because of the ex-
tra energy birds require to keep their
bodies warm, every poultryman turns his
thoughts to the type of house that will
best keep his birds warm and allow
them to put some of their energy into
egg production.

Where any attempt is made to house
fowls in an up-to-date manner, some
form of the curtain-front house is used
more than any other, because it is an
arrangement that may be applied to
almost any kind of house. If construct-
ed along the right lines, it supplies the
birds with plenty of fresh air at all
times, yet eliminates the danger of
drafts.

Unlike the fresh-air type, the curtain
front house is not a fool-proof
house, for the ventilating openings must
be adjusted to meet the varying
weather conditions, and the house
therefore requires more or less constant
attention. It often happens that these
houses are poorly handled through ig-
norance, neglect, or because the owner
is not always present when changes
should be made.

With the successful use of houses of
this style depending so much on the
attention given them, it is but natural
that there should be considerable va-
riation in results obtained. However,
where the largest and best poultry plants
are using curtain fronts to a great ex-
tent, it would indicate that they are a
desirable house when handled intelli-
gently. The curtain front arrangement
should appeal strongly to those who
look upon a house with the front open
at all times as too extreme.

The idea of the curtain front is to
allow a gradual interchange of air be-
tween the inside and outside of the
house, this being made possible by the
curtain nature of the cloth used. In
winter, air filters through the mesh of
the cloth, supplying fresh air in the
building and at the same time prevent-
ing drafts. Nor need you feel that the
use of cloth will make a cold house, be-
cause it has been proven that cloth
affords a better protection against cold
than glass windows. Loosely woven
mesh is the best cloth for the curtain.
There is too much air in severe
weather and canvas would be found too
heavy.

While white material, kept clean, as
it must be to serve its purpose, will
permit a certain amount of light to
pass through, it has been found that
curtain covered openings are not desir-
able. Without some glass windows the
house would be too dark for comfort
when the front must be kept closed in
cold or stormy weather. Do not run to
the other extreme and use too much
glass because this will make the house
cold at night, and too warm in the day-
time.

The extent to which the front of the
house is taken up with glass and cloth-
covered openings will depend upon the



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Unlike the fresh-air type, the curtain front house is not a fool-proof house, for the ventilating openings must be adjusted to meet the varying weather conditions, and the house therefore requires more or less constant attention. It often happens that these houses are poorly handled through ignorance, neglect, or because the owner is not always present when changes should be made.

With the successful use of houses of this style depends so much on the attention given them, it is not natural that there should be considerable variation in results obtained. However, where the largest and best poultry houses are being constructed to a great extent, it would indicate that they are a desirable house when handled intelligently. The curtain front arrangement should appeal strongly to those who look upon a house with the front open at all times as too extreme.

The idea of the curtain front is to show a gradual interchange of air between the inside and outside of the house, this being made possible by the porous nature of the cloth used. In winter, air filters through the mesh of the cloth, supplying fresh air in the building and at the same time preventing drafts. Nor need you feel that the use of cloth will make a cold house, because it has been proven that cloth affords a better protection against cold than glass windows. In early winter, when the front must be kept closed in cold or stormy weather. Do not run to the other extreme and use too much glass because this will make the house cold at night, and too warm in the day.

While white material, kept clean, as it must be to serve its purpose, will permit a certain amount of light to pass through, it has been found that certain covered openings are not desirable. Without some glass windows, the house would be too dark for comfort when the front must be kept closed in cold or stormy weather. Do not run to the other extreme and use too much glass because this will make the house cold at night, and too warm in the day.

The extent to which the front of the house is taken up with glass and cloth-covered openings will depend upon the

depth of the building and there is no set rule for their arrangement. You will be pretty nearly right if you allow one square foot of glass to each 15 square feet of floor space in the building and then give twice as much space to the cloth openings as to the glass. Except with a very low building, say under 6 feet, the different windows or openings should be 2 1/2 to 3 feet above the floor in the front of the house, which will allow the winter sunshine to penetrate well to the rear of the building. In an extra large, deep house, it is a good plan to have a few long, narrow windows above the regular openings on the front, close to the roof so that more light and sunshine will reach the rear of the house. By opening these windows in the summer the heat in the high point of the building will find a good outlet.

In using cloth, tack it to a frame, 11 x 3 inch strips will answer, hinging this at the top so that in pleasant weather it can be swung up inside the building and hooked to the ceiling. With the front opened up in this way plenty of fresh air will enter the building during the day and it is only in the coldest and stormiest weather that the fowls would not be comfortable with the arrangement. At night the front of the house is closed according to the weather, but don't depend on the cloth openings for venting except when the temperature goes considerably below the freezing point. In mid winter weather allow the windows to remain open a little at night but always make sure that a draft will not strike the birds while at rest. Don't build your houses too shallow for this short run the distance between the front and the rear openings and you will then have to keep a closer watch on your ventilators to guard against the possibility of a current of fresh air striking the birds at rest.

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SWINE BREEDING.

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The place in the animal industry of Maine for the hog is not in raising pork. There may be exceptional conditions where hogs may be raised by individuals or companies for pork at a profit, but the growing season for crops is too short, the winter too long, and too little grain is raised to make commercial pork-raising profitable.

There is, however, a big field in the breeding of four-week-old pigs that is remunerative. This bulletin, therefore, will treat of the breeding and rearing of pigs rather than the making of pork for market.

Pigs purchased in the spring by a family who has waste from the table and skin-milk in small quantities, or other wastes, can profitably convert them into pork for their own use, and the time will never come, in Maine, when nearly every family on a farm or in the smaller villages will not raise their own pork.

BREEDS.

For the purpose of the pig for the small family, that is bought in the spring and slaughtered in the fall, the breed does not cut as big a figure as it would if the hogs were to be kept until the age of maturity. The principal thing to look for is to have a hog that will mature, with ordinary care, at the age of eight or nine months, sufficiently to make good pork.

There are numerous breeds of which this is true and the difference between these breeds is trifling. Some of the breeds, like the Yorkshire, for instance, do not mature as quickly as the Berkshire or Chester White. The chief difference between the Berkshire and Chester White is that one is a black hog while the other is a white; and whatever we may say or think, or do, if we are breeding pigs for disposal, it is to run counter to prejudices that already exist, and prejudices do exist and will, indefinitely, against black hogs, for, in the dressing of them, it is true that the remnants of bristles will remain and show black on the pork, which is objectionable to the fastidious housewife.

It is observed by excellent breeders that a cross of a White Chester boar upon Berkshire sows breeds a pig that is easily kept, grows well and matures early, and the first cross is always white. The second cross may be, and usually is, spotted; and if the man who raises pigs for the market and his neighbor has the advantage of keeping a Berkshire sow and can breed to a thoroughbred White Chester boar, he will give his customers probably as much for their money as it is possible for him to, in the shape of a small pig.

It is not necessary, however, for the man who raises pigs to indulge exclusively in thoroughbred stock. There is no branch of live stock industry in which the individual counts for more than in the sow.

In stock that is registered, in every litter there are culls that should not be used for breeding purposes under any consideration and the old hog breeder knows this perfectly. He instinctively selects a sow that stands on her legs, strong when little, that is a good feeder, that has thrift indicated in every line and in the way that her hair lays, that is not particularly heavier in her shoulders than behind, but rather square. Without raising any argument, the care should be looked, which indicates, if it indicates anything, that she has a less irritable disposition than the correct pig. However, judgment in the breeding has been done and for however many years, the culls always show up, and whoever wants to improve or keep up to standard his breeding pens, has to cull the best at whatever cost.

The Qualifications of a Good Mother Hog.

A breeding sow, when tried and found to have a gentle disposition to take good care of her pigs at farrowing time, and above all, to give a big drop of milk, should not be disposed of, but should be kept, year after year, as a valuable asset to the farm, because there are twenty that do not meet these qualifications to one that does.

The way to find a sow that meets these requirements is to keep a number of gilts, as many as the farm will carry, or as the market will take care of the pigs that are born, and, if the mother proves to be cross or untractable, do not attempt to breed her a second time, but fatten her and slaughter her at the first opportunity. It is the inevitable rule that a sow, if she produces with her first litter of pigs, will always prove cross, and it is small satisfaction for a farmer to keep a whole year and see her devour her pigs as fast as they are born, or to have her uneasy and ill at ease at the time of farrowing and destroy in a day the pigs that make the difference between profit and loss in the keeping of his hogs.

It may be well for a breeder to begin with six gilts. Plan to have the pigs come as early as accommodations around the farm will permit. If a good warm, dry chance is offered, have them

come in February. If conditions are not as favorable as they ought to be, if the pigs are to be raised in an open shed or in a barn cellar that is exposed or poorly ventilated, have them come as late as the last of April or the first of May. There will not be as much demand for these pigs, but there will be a much larger share of profit to the one producing them. At this time of year it will be possible to remove the sow to quarters that will be well ventilated and dry.

It is useless, and worse than useless, to attempt to rear pigs in a nasty, wet pen, or where the manure is deep, if it is soft. On horse manure it is different, but an ideal place is a dry floor with only litter enough for the mother hog to make up her nest at farrowing time, and close watch should be kept to see that the pigs, at the time of birth, do not get tangled up in this straw before they are dry and trot upon by the mother hog.

With six gilts to farrow in the spring, it is possible that one, or possibly two, may prove acceptable breeders for permanent keeping. It would then be desirable to fatten the remaining four, as soon as the pigs are taken from them, and prepare them for slaughter. At the present time it is not necessary to keep hogs until cold weather for disposal. They are received by the slaughter houses in the centers, such as Portland, Auburn, Bangor, Waterville, etc., at all times of the year, and the prices, frequently, are better in the summer than later in the season.

After having made up your mind to dispose of the four, it is best to breed for fall litters the two that have proved good. It is supposable that a farmer who can dispose of six litters in the spring can easily dispose of two in the fall. Fall pigs do not sell nearly as readily as spring pigs. It is, therefore, better in the spring to weed out your undesirable brood sows and breed continually from the gentle, good mothers that give a big flow of milk. It will be possible, and probably better, to rear four gilts to take the place of the sows that were disposed of during the summer, and the next spring again have six sows. It may be that you will find one of the four that will prove an acceptable mother and you will then have three good mothers and turn the three undesirable ones. I have, however, set the percentage that you will keep altogether too high, because it is scarcely more than one in twenty that will prove a first-class mother that should be kept for a long series of years.

At the Time of Farrowing. The sows at the time of farrowing should be in a strong, rugged condition, but not too fat. If they are excessively fat they usually are very sick at this time and the results frequently are disastrous to the little pigs. Sometimes a perfectly gentle mother, if fed excessively on concentrated feed, like corn meal, three times a day, will be in so fat and feverish a condition that it will take her a long time to recover, and it is necessary at this particular time to have her in a condition so that she can soon begin to feed the pigs all the milk that they can take. A vegetable diet of sugar beets or cabbages, previous to farrowing, with a little barley or oat meal and some skim-milk, makes an excellent feed. If these feeds are not available the best substitute that I know of is Daisy Feed, which is rather too coarse and it is not as readily digested by a hog as by a cat.

Having brought the mother up to the time of farrowing in good condition, give her, as has been previously said, a clean plank floor with plenty of light and a little chaff for litter. If it is constructed so that the mother is nervous or irritable, it is desirable to put 2 x 4 rails around the edge of the pen, eight inches from the floor and a foot from the partition, in order that, in case of the mother lying down, she cannot lie against the partition and thus crowd the pigs. The place should be sealed, as much as possible, but not dark, and only the caretaker, the one who feeds the hogs regularly, should go near the pen. A hog learns to recognize the one who feeds her almost as readily as a dog or cat learns to recognize the one who feeds them, and a silent companionship springs up between them and it is hoped that the confidence of the hog is generated for the caretaker, so that much less nervousness is created than if a stranger was about the pen.

An ideal pen for the farrowing and rearing of a litter of pigs, from sows at pasture, is made by setting on edge 2 x 4 joists eight feet apart, making the platform eight feet square. Then take seven-foot boards and make a roof, having each side seven feet long, extending from the platform to the ridge pole. Board one gable up, tight, leaving an opening in the other end for a door. Into this the mother can go and cannot crowd close back to the eaves. A little chaff for litter makes an admirable place and, if located in a pasture or field, will accommodate a litter of pigs very advantageously.

The mother should not immediately begin to be stuffed with feed. She should rather be kept on a scant diet for two or three days. Three would

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probably be better than two, and then gradually increase the feed, giving her a balanced ration, composed largely of oats and barley with some Daisy Feed and a little meal. The careful breeder will begin with a small ration and, by carefully watching the hog, will follow her capacity and meet the demands that the pigs make upon her. I spoke of oats and barley, because they can be grown readily by any farmer in Maine and should be grown, especially barley, much more frequently than it is. No hog that is being fattened is over-fed off its feet, if any considerable portion of its ration is barley. It is a much better grain than it is usually supposed to be for hogs and for cows.

Previous to Farrowing.

The older men in the State of Maine remember when they were young that it was the common thing to put a yoke upon a hog and turn her into a pasture to support herself on grass entirely. Later, when grain was very cheap, hogs were taken up and confined in small yards or pens and fed grain exclusively. This lasted a sufficient length of time so that the generation then coming up acquired a belief that it was impossible for a hog to survive on the green stuff that it finds in the pasture.

This idea ought to be changed. A mature sow, turned out into a large pasture where there is plenty of water available for drinking purposes, will maintain life and need for a whole summer on grass. It is too frequent, however, that another notion is found working. A few hogs are turned into a pasture lot of one or two acres, the surface of which is covered with dense brake, sweet fern, hardhack or even gray birches and expected not only to survive, but to thrive. In a place of this kind it ought to be definitely understood that the hog is used for a tamer of this particular piece of ground and not a producer of pork at a profit. There is nothing in the ground itself that will sustain the life of the hog until it has first been taken in by some of the vegetable creation. The vegetable is then eaten and the hog receives its nourishment. Hogs frequently like the roots of the brake, but they are not especially nourishing and no field of an acre ever had brake enough to maintain two or three hogs without additional nourishment.

The proper feed for a hogyard is a freshly seeded field of clover, but, in the farm economy of the State of Maine, freshly seeded fields are usually wanted for some other purpose, and especially among the smaller farmers. A herd of cows need to be fed; the clover is an ideal feed for the cows, consequently, the hogyard is not in the clover, but some waste ledge place, or brush patch, or some place where absolutely nothing grows that is nutritious. This is not a fair test for the fattening of hogs.

If hogs are kept they should receive their fair share of the good feed. A half-acre of freshly seeded clover and a half-acre of well-manured ground, planted early to Dwarf Essex rape, will sustain, in a normal season, a drove of ten hogs for the entire season. The rape needs to be divided into two fields so that the hogs can have access to first one side and then the other for a week or two at a time and not run them over the whole field. The rape also needs to be cultivated the same as turnips would be, or even more. Hogs that have arrived at four months of age will grow and survive on this feed without additional feed.

It is good business, however, to feed a little whole corn once a day. This helps to balance the ration. No day should pass in which clean water is not given to the hogs, at least noon and night, and if the day is extremely warm it should be given to them more frequently.

For a permanent hog pasture the ideal feed is alfalfa. This, with a little practice, can be grown in any section of the State of Maine, south of Aroostook county, and I am not certain that it cannot be grown in Aroostook county. There are numerous nice fields of alfalfa scattered throughout the state. All it requires is a little persistency to raise alfalfa. As soon as alfalfa has obtained a foothold upon any particular piece on a farm, it will gradually spread so that it can be grown anywhere upon that place, except localities that are so wet that the water stands at some time during the year. If alfalfa is not raised, it will be better to shift the hogyard from year to year or have a freshly seeded piece of clover for your hogs to run in. It means the additional work of shifting the pen

from place to place, from year to year, but this is much more than compensated for in the freedom that one feels from having hogs in a pasture where they are of absolutely no care, except seeing that they are provided with an abundance of water.

It is, as I have said before, well enough to have the yard sufficiently well stocked with hogs so that a certain amount of whole corn may be fed each day. This enables the yard to carry many more hogs and have them thrive equally as well as though there were less of them. If, at any time, the grass grows taller in one place than in the other, it is the proper thing to put the hogs in the house, or one corner of the field, and run the moving machine over the field and clip the grass back so that the field will continually be fresh and not dirty, as is sometimes the case where hogs run upon it continually.

Much of the winter feed, too, can be of a vegetable character; that is, raised upon the farm. Waste apples, small potatoes or Ruta Baga turnips will sustain life. The apples and potatoes will be consumed raw with relish but the turnips have to be boiled and mixed with a little meal to make the hogs eat the turnips with a relish. I do not think that such vegetables as can be readily eaten uncooked will pay for the labor and fuel of cooking them. Some of them need to be cooked in order to get the average hog to eat them at all. Among this class are turnips. I have not mentioned yet the sugar beet. This grows large and an acre will produce quantities so that it is profitable to produce them for feed—not only for hogs but for other stock. The Golden Tankard is also one of the cattle beets that is eaten with a great deal of relish by all live stock, even the horses. It must be understood that these are more for the purpose of sustaining life than for the purpose of growing pigs, or an attempt to finish hogs for market. It is true, nevertheless, that in finishing for markets a very small portion of the feed should be of some of these vegetables to increase the bulk of the feed and maintain the health of the hog, if the great profit is sought.

Summary.

In order to say in a very few words what it has taken a number of columns to say, would be, that an ideal way to raise pigs is from good mothers that have been tried and found to be gentle and good milkers. The mothers should be kept, during the winter, strong and vigorous and a large part of their ration should be vegetables, potatoes, apples or beets, and the grain ration should be composed of barley, oats, or feed flour. If a hog proves to be cross don't think of keeping it longer.

In the summer time a sow should be kept largely on pasture, with only a little corn or grain, never to exceed a quart a day, with plenty of clean cold water to drink, or skim milk which may be either sweet or sour. The pigs should not be forced until they get to be more than a week old and then the mother should be fed all that she can eat of a well-balanced nutritious ration.

The pigs should be taken from the mother at four weeks of age, unless they are to run with her during the summer. Less than one-half of the number of sows that were raised in the spring should be kept for fall litter. Fall pigs should be disposed of at four weeks of age, unless plenty of grain is raised by the farmer. Under no circumstances attempt to buy grain for small pigs.

For farmers purchasing a pig in the spring, all waste around the house should be saved and weeds and grass and waste of every kind should be given the pig, so that it may keep strong and growing throughout the entire summer. This does not apply to people who keep hogs for special purposes, like running in orchards or to consume swill collected from cities and villages, or such conditions, because those conditions are only occasional and must be studied from the individual conditions which prevail in every case.

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A NOTEBOOK'S

ODDS AND ENDS

This notebook contains the series of stories, although it can hardly be called an article. It is the substance of a notebook—the little interesting and amusing incidents noted here and there, two or three at a time and too good to waste.

At a little junction in Southern California, I waited for a train and was highly entertained by the antics of a bunch of cow punchers who had the fit on.

Across the street from where I sat a man in the next to the last degree of a "sauce" was asleep in a chair in front of a saloon, near an open window. An arm reached out from the window. In the hand was a bottle, and in the bottle was a drop of liquid. Slowly it let the fluid drip down on the sleeping head, and when the man began to move, then the arm shot back.

Then I noticed that a little distance up the street on the opposite side from the saloon, a man was signalling the window operator when to pour and when to get back. He was doing this by railroad signals.

The sleeping man roused and felt of his head, then went back to sleep, but this time his head tilted forward and the next drizzle of the bottle ran down his face. He opened his eyes and rubbed the liquor in with his hands. Then he came very much alive. He couldn't see, so he milled around and belched. After a time his eyes ceased smarting and he looked for the source of the smart. Not a man in sight. He looked up at the veranda roof and vowed he would cut someone's heart out, and after a few minutes of noise he rambled down the street.

I crept over and entered the wet goods emporium. There was a noisy crowd drinking and shaking dice at the bar. At a round table I saw another fellow rather ghastly man.

A man dandy dressed, head on his arms on the table, was in a drunken stupor. There were two big diamond rings on one finger. The fellow had tied a rope around his neck and run it over a hook under the window, and the ceiling, and the crowd was waiting for the knock of this man.

Here's one on the writers: From Chicago to Yuma are two routes. I told the clerk I wanted the most direct, the one without a change in cars. Both trains left at the same time, eight o'clock in the morning.

A washstand put one route out of commission, which I did not know, and the day clerk did not know I had had any talk with the night man, so the next morning he sent me to the depot in the same bus.

On this route one had to change cars at a junction, but I did not know it, so after the conductor had punched my ticket and given me a hot check I dropped off into a morning nap.

I was awakened by the conductor asking for my ticket and when I showed it to him he pulled the bell cord. I was four miles from the junction.

Now if you want to know what four miles walk on a railroad to the vicinity of the Imperial Valley means, ask some of the boys home from Yuma.

I had a heavy suit case and a coat. The thermometer was over 100. There was not an inch of shade anywhere. And to add to my happiness I forgot to ask the conductor how much time I had to get back to the junction.

I made it, but it is one of the walks in life I will never forget.

In Yuma I saw a soldier and a civilian from a Jap out of a watermelon one night. He had a pile of them at the end of the street and they were very much and refreshing to Uncle Sam's boys who had not had any pay at this time. The two talked over the scheme, then the soldier went out where a number of the boys were hanging on the same and offered to the Jap to bring them out a watermelon. The Oriental felt that at that time he was delivering the soldier's picture and a nice one and had it in his pocket. The Jap saw and asked the soldier to the group of soldiers and asked him to take it, and the soldier was "removed, left no address."

A tough cowboy with hair a pig on, concluded to walk from the Colorado river railroad bridge, at Yuma. The soldier on guard concluded to walk. The comparison started he was going across if he had to shoot his way, when the guardman asked him how at 12 and told him to lay down his revolver and hand it to him then a half a minute

or he would kill him. The last I saw of the cowboy he was alive and short in six seconds.

A half dozen tough looking Americans, who had evidently made a night of it, walked into a Mexican saloon in Meritral one Sunday morning. One of them laid a gun on the bar and told the girl bartender that he was credit for a round of drinks. A partition in the bar room cut the building in half, with an arch between, while the bar extended through both rooms. The Mexicans patronized the back room.

The girl took some glasses and walked into the rear room, where she was doubt tipped a Mexican off to bring help. She returned with two beers but before she would deliver them she asked for pay. The spokesman of the five men declared he wanted credit and if he didn't get it they would help themselves. The barmaid temporized with the men, playing for time. Two turtles entered the saloon and covered the men, and I beat it for the back room. I looked for a killing. One of the officers in good English called the Americans "sheep" for bluffing a woman, asked them why they didn't go over and hold up the Owl gambling house, where there were white men.

With his gun on the leader he forced him to leave his gun on the bar and then one after another he forced them up and his partner took away their guns. Then the five men were driven out of the saloon and told to get across the border and rob white women. And he got.

A Portuguese came out to where I was reading a magazine by an irrigation ditch at Casa Grande, he bluntly asked if I had any money. He said he knew where there was a rich deposit of clams and he would file on it and give me half if I would buy the simple shaker and baker to extract the mercury. He said there was water nearby and quicksilver could be got in pairs. He didn't know how much it would cost, but not much, and I was to let him the boy.

I told him I would think it over. The restaurant keeper said the fellow was considered "batty," that he had been talking the same stuff for two years, but had never shown a sign of the crystals, so was took took in his head. The recalled man was far up in the mountains north of Globe and it was beautifully hot in Arizona. I didn't invent.

It is amazing to what magnitude the real estate business is put over in Pasadena, with the millionaires. I was shown a vacant lot that Spectator (Tom Wrigley) paid \$100,000 for, and many other like lots of high priced real estate. These millionaires practically fix the prices themselves, or rather the shrewdest real estate dealers in the country lead them to bidding against each other.

The price of houses in the neighborhood of the city depends on how close they are to some of the famous millionaire homes. A real top notch millionaire with a society wife could buy an acre of unoccupied land in the foothills and it would establish a real estate value for a mile square.

It is interesting to stand on the railroad overlooking the moving picture kiosk between Pasadena and Los Angeles, and see the world play up the stuff we have over on the screen. They have a pretty complete menagerie, canals, circuses included, and one of the greatest play houses and yards. South of San Diego, almost on the Mexican border, the Latin people have a big layout.

The next series of letters will be a devoted change to location and ten miles away on a trip through Alaska. Probably no section of North America has been more in the public eye for the past few years than this land of gold and cold, and I hope to make the next letters to this entirely new field interesting and instructive.

My plan is to visit Sitka, Juneau, Skagway, Dawson, Fairbanks—missing some when some are probably familiar to half the population of the United States. I expect to go over to Alaska, to visit the Yukon and Klondike regions, to take in the mines, the Indian villages, and write of things as I see them. And certainly there is a world of good and up in that country for newspaper writers.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING.

By J. E. Jones.

In order to get records for the army and navy, the Department of the Interior has been requested, literally to go out with the shotgun to drum up enlistments. Secretary of War Baker, in his annual report submitted to Congress a few days ago, says that "the recruiting service, which is simply one of many employees, has been unable to secure the recruits needed." He contrasts the wages paid soldiers with those that are paid in private employment, and charges the fallacy of the Government to secure enlistments for the army, to the low rate of pay for military service. Of the twenty thousand men authorized by Congress last March, and tentatively wanted for the increase of the regular army, only 8,400 additional men were enrolled. It is conceded by the War Department that the National Guardsmen whose terms of service expire, generally decline to reenlist, and others are not coming in to take their places.

Major General Hugh L. Scott, Chief of the General Staff, in his annual report just made public, sounds the keynote of the Army's prospective fight for universal military training. But that the Army is not of one mind upon this subject, is shown by the fact that Secretary Baker does not endorse the position taken by General Scott.

General Scott's report represents the views of the fighting men in the Government. It is an open challenge to Congress as it takes the position that the legislation embodied in the National Defense Act is not sufficient to provide the military system the support that army chiefs believe to be imperatively demanded. The report contains scathing criticisms of the National Guard system, hints at decadence of National patriotism through failure of the recent recruiting campaigns to build the militia to war strength, and insists that it is vital that the National idea with reference to military service be regenerated. "Thousands marched in preparation parades to the plaudits of onlookers," says General Scott, "but when the militia was called out in June to protect our border, the spirit was rife to let somebody else do it. For our small army we go into the labor market for recruits. There is no special appeal for patriotism, no appeal for the individual to obtain military training as the highest duty of his citizenship. Enlistment is held out as a job." Further on, General Scott says that "universal military training has been the cornerstone on which has been built every republic in the history of the world, and its abandonment is the signal for decline and obliteration."

It must be remembered that General Scott is a soldier by profession, and like the other officers he represents, free from the anxiety and cares that caused men in the ranks to hesitate in answering the call of their country to its police duty on the Mexican border. The remedy proposed in the interest of the army and navy is compulsory military training in the schools, and the legislatures throughout the country are to be exhorted this winter in an attempt to carry out this idea. This theory proceeds on the hypothesis that peace and war are the only methods to be reasonably employed in preserving the security of our nation.

Japan and Australia are the only two countries on the face of the globe where there is compulsory military training in the schools. Germany and France both tried out and abandoned the plan. In the Swiss system is carried on independent of compulsory training in the schools. There is, however, a constant attempt to make it appear that the proposal in the United States for compulsory military training in the schools is along the lines adopted in European countries. General Scott implies this much. General Leonard Wood is quoted as having declared that if he had his way he "would out German the German and teach every boy to shoot."

Up to date, New York is alone in having compulsory training, although California and some other states have introduced modified forms of military training. The "Wyoming system" was merely heralded a year ago. Those who object to compulsory military training do so upon the ground that it is sought to perpetuate through it, a militaristic spirit, and a desire for war, in the minds of the young. They assert, in opposition to compulsory military instruction, that the spirit of patriotism can be better fostered by instructing the youth regarding the higher ideals of citizenship, and in teaching them fundamental principles of government that will succeed without the necessity of providing the military spirit, which they claim actually exists in war.

A special committee appointed by the State of Massachusetts found much to commend for the need of greater physical training, but declared that "the military spirit which means blind faith in the doctrine of force, is perhaps the most serious idea which should be instilled in a child's mind." At the national convention of the

Woman's Peace Party held in Washington a few days ago, the spirit of anti-militarism was voiced to the effect that the new patriotism growing up among the boys is "to live for their country, not to die for it." The American Federation of Labor has recently gone on record as unanimously opposing compulsory military training.

The best thought of militarists, and anti-militarists, appears to be agreed upon the need of a greater amount of physical training for the youth of the country. There is, however, opposition from every quarter, to the plans of the army and navy chiefs, under whose system, it is claimed, men become brainless followers in automatically "obeying orders." The imagination of the boy of the country has been captured by appeals to their patriotism, and by their own conscious need of physical training. Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead, distinguished Boston woman, observes: "Military drill does not teach self-control in obedience to conscience, but only obedience through fear. Soldiers, when mustered out, are no more chaste, temperate or orderly than other men. Self-control, personal responsibility, the power to reason why must be taught as the republic's truest defense." The warning has gone forth that the National Security League has prepared bills to be sent to the different legislatures, which if adopted in whole or in substance, will turn the public schools into army and navy training camps.

It is claimed in behalf of the Boy Scout movement that it secures every physical advantage to the youth that is claimed in behalf of the military drills urged by the aristocracy that dominates the army and navy. At the same time, the Boy Scouts are taught all the finer qualities of citizenship, including the essential point of being helpful to others. Moreover, the development of the mind is considered equally important to that of strengthening the muscles of the body and legs. It is contended by thoughtful students of the subject that an attempt is being made to capture the idealism of the youth, and utilize it for the purpose of an idealism of destruction, adapted to the ideas of insistent military enthusiasts.

Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, a noted Chicago educator, declares it to be the duty of America to teach its boys and girls, not how to mete out death on the battlefield, but rather to point out and provide methods for their individual development—and through them strengthen our national stability. Immigrants come to our shores filled with the hope that this is the "great land where militarism does not exist." And the foreign-born today stand against compulsory military training, because their experience has taught them that it is unnecessary, and that it does not protect the nation—but rather perpetually threatens the peace of the country. In short, compulsory military training is the hobby of army and navy officers, and the politicians they influence. Most other people believe patriotism and security can be perpetuated in better ways.

PORTLAND AUTOMOBILE SHOW.

Feb. 19th to 24th.

The Automobile Exhibition held in Portland in 1916 went down in history as the biggest, best, and most successful ever held by the Portland Automobile Dealers.

When the show opened last February, nearly a half a million dollars worth of pleasure cars, commercial trucks, and accessories were on exhibition. This year, it is planned, that a display twice as large and valuable will greet the public at the opening of the show, Feb. 19, 1917. It is no exaggeration to say that the coming show can safely be termed "The Million Dollar Display."

The show will be held in the Mammoth Exposition Building, and the management will be under the direction of Mr. Howard B. Chandler, who has successfully conducted the shows for the Portland Automobile Dealers Association for the past four years.

Applications for larger spaces are coming in earlier this year than in the past, and during the last twenty-four hours after it became known among the dealers that a show was to be held this season, applications for approximately one third of the available space was made.

The matter of entertainment and decorations will this year be of a much larger scope than was ever attempted before, even surpassing that of last year, which was acknowledged the greatest exhibition of its kind ever held in the State.

HOUSEHOLD OINTMENT

GRANGE NEWS.

Continued from page 1.

The Order, Degrees and Pomona Masters reports. In the evening High Priest of Demeter C. M. Gardner with the Book, gave exemplification of the unwritten work.

On the second day two members were elected for the Executive Committee, and the fifth degree conferred by Pomona. In the evening the sixth degree was conferred on the avails of 257. Eastern Star Grange, No. 1, worked the third and fourth degrees, with their degree team, and to say it was finely done but poorly expressed. If all Granges would take pains to make these degrees more impressive it would do much for the order.

An out of the state speaker was Past Master Richard Patton of New Hampshire, secretary of the New England Milk Producers' Association. H. L. Cummings presented the report of the Grange service committee, and the High Priest Gardner gave a second address on "Getting Together."

The Grange, as ever, stands firm on the temperance question, educational work and cooperation. In this hurried report only a hint of what was said and done can be given, but I wish to speak of the good music furnished by a female quartet from Palmyra, and Bro. Pike the blind singer.

One afternoon was devoted to a Grange Jubilee program, this being the 50th anniversary of the order. Past Master Stetson reviewed the history of the past, Master Thompson discussed the "Present and Future."

Oxford County members had a merry homeward journey in their special car. War songs and speaking, merry hits of laughter, and all looked ahead to the next State Grange.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Hall & Cole, Optometrists, will call on you if desired. See ad.

Mr. Ivan Arno has gone to Coca Grande, Fla., where he has employment.

Miss Marion Frost submitted to an operation at the Eye & Ear Infirmary in Portland, Tuesday.

Mrs. G. W. Giddings of Falmouth Heights, Mass., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. C. Garay.

The Ladies' Aid will hold their annual meeting Thursday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage.

Mr. Edward Stanley and Mr. Fred Jacobs of Berlin, N. H., were business visitors in town, Wednesday.

C. K. Fox and Dr. J. H. Wight were in West Paris, Saturday to install the officers of the I. O. O. F. Lodge.

The annual meeting of Bethel National Bank was held Tuesday afternoon and the same officers re-elected.

The remains of Mrs. Joan Stearns of Auburn, wife of Calvin Stearns, formerly of Bethel, were brought here for burial on Wednesday. Mrs. Stearns was the sister of Mrs. Arvilla Lucas.

SENATOR FERNALD ON PENSIONS.

"A little care on the part of applicants for pensions would expedite action on their claims," says Senator Fernald of Maine. "The pension committees of both Houses of Congress," continues the Senator, "have adopted rules governing the handling of all claims coming under the head of special acts. One of these is that no such special act shall be given consideration until claimant has exhausted every hope through the regular channels of the Bureau of Pensions."

"It is necessary for each applicant to file a sworn statement, as follows: His own, giving date of enlistment and discharge, company and regiment of which he was a member—if a widow these facts concerning husband's service must be furnished—nature of disease contracted or wounds suffered, and present state of health, whether a pensioner and if so amount received; statements of two disinterested witnesses as to claimant's condition and their knowledge of his service; statement of physician as to physical condition and whether due to disease contracted or wound received in service. In case of the widow this last statement should say if death of husband was due to a disease, wound or injury contracted or suffered while in the service, and claimant's physical condition."

There is one other feature of these rules by the committee and laws covering granting of pensions through the bureau which ought to be generally understood. They make it unlawful for anyone to collect a fee for aiding in securing a pension for any veteran or veteran's widow. It is legal for the ordinary public or justice of the peace to charge customary fee for preparing and filing statements. This fee is usually from 25 cents to \$1, for each

BECAUSE OF BETTER CONTRACT AND LARGE DIVIDENDS

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BETHEL NATIONAL BANK.

At Bethel in the State of Maine, at this close of business on Dec. 27, 1916.

RESOURCES.

1 a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c),	\$52,000.00
2 a U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value),	10,000.00
3 a Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned or pledged,	30,420.00
4 Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription),	1,050.00
5 Furniture and fixtures,	53.75
6 Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities,	12,908.39
7 Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 12 or 20),	50,293.95
8 Outside checks and other cash items,	14.00
9 Fractional currency, nickels, and cents,	136.97
10 Notes of other national banks,	5,034.00
11 Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank,	15,909.00
12 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer,	500.00
Total,	\$185,488.54

LIABILITIES.

13 Capital stock paid in,	\$25,000.00
14 Surplus fund,	10,000.00
15 Undivided profits,	9,881.75
16 Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid,	1,102.34
17 Circulating notes outstanding,	9,500.00
18 Individual deposits subject to check,	132,209.10
Total demand deposits, items 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20,	\$132,209.10
Total,	\$185,488.54

STATE OF MAINE, COUNTY OF OXFORD, SS:

I, Ellery C. Park, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ELLERY C. PARK, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, 1917.

A. E. HERRICK, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
SETH WALKER,
IRA C. JORDAN,
FRED L. EDWARDS,
Directors.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Mr. and Mrs. Abel Andrews were calling on friends last Sunday.

Miss Maxim and Miss Irene Briggs were callers at Fred Littlefield's, Sunday.

Mrs. Nell Flint is spending a few days at South Waterford with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lute Andrews and son, Ray, and Mrs. Irving Bookler were callers at C. M. Fernald's, Sunday.

Mrs. John Graver and two children called on Mrs. Littlefield, recently.

KRYPTOK THE GREAT MYSTICAL

We will be at Mrs. Elizabeth Thurston's on Mechanic Street in Bethel on the Second and Fourth Wednesdays and Thursdays of each Month and shall be pleased to have all interested call.

HALL & COLE,
NORWAY, MAINE.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

The storm and bad walking did not prevent a good sized audience from assembling at this church and the excellent music by the choir, with the accompaniment from the text, Ps. 90, 1, "Lord thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations," made all who came feel we were paid for the effort it cost to bring the elements on such a day. The singing service was omitted.

The Young Men's Universalist Association held a meeting at 4 o'clock. The Social Six will meet Saturday afternoon.

The music for next Sunday will be as follows:

Antiphon, Chorus Choir
O Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus,
Trio—Saviour Again to Thy Name,
Name, Kate Llewellyn
Maryn, Hastings and Edwards.
Solo—The Homeland, Johnnie Monie Martyn.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

A goodly company braved the elements and came out to church last Sunday morning. But some of them suggested that as a great many would like to hear about the "Sunday meetings," the pastor had better save his discourse. So after a short devotional service the meeting adjourned and next Sunday will be Billy Sunday Sunday. There was an unusually good attendance at the Roll Call, Jan. 10, and more responded by letter and in person than for many years. The reports were all encouraging; those of the Ladies Club and the parish treasurer especially. The committee on refreshments furnished an attractive menu.

Contributions to our missionary societies during last year were one hundred and fifty-five dollars. This exceeded our apportionment by thirty-four dollars, just the amount contributed at a special collection last Easter to help liquidate the debt of the Maine Missionary Society.

Miss Anna Cross will lead the Christian Endeavor.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Last Saturday evening Rev. G. J. Brown, State Sunday School Superintendent for the denomination, met with the workers of the local Sunday School to consider matters of teacher training, missionary and temperance instruction, evangelism, and membership. Special committees were appointed for each of these departments of work. Mr. Brown also spoke briefly at the Sunday School hour, and gave a helpful address in the evening.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society is planning a special program for their meeting at the home of Mrs. Alice Jordan on Thursday afternoon at 2.30. The topic is "Alaska," and Mrs. Vanderkrogh will be present to speak of that great country as has herself seen it and exhibit curios illustrating her talk. A special invitation is given to all ladies of the church whether members of this society or not.

The Loyal Workers have their monthly business meeting on Friday evening at the home of Miss Florence Springer, the newly elected president.

At the home of Miss L. M. Stearns, Tuesday evening, Jan. 11, Mr. Harry R. Hazleton of Sumner and Miss Carrie M. Bennett of Paris were united in marriage by Rev. J. H. Little, using the single ring service. It was a very enjoyable evening for the friends who were present.

Mr. Hazleton is the son of Mr. Cyrus R. Hazleton of Sumner. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett of Paris and a graduate of Paris High School. They will reside in Paris.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that Harry M. Shaw of South Paris has made application to the Maine Board of Admissions for examination for admission to the Bar at the session of the Bar Association to be held at Bangor, Maine, on the 27th of February, A. D. 1917.

PHILIP G. CLIFFORD,
Secretary of the Board.